

## RIAA Sues MIT, Seeks Name of Music Sharer

By Keith J. Winstein  
NEWS AND FEATURES DIRECTOR

The Recording Industry Association of America sued MIT on Friday, seeking to require the Institute to identify a network user alleged to have illegally offered hundreds of copyrighted music recordings for download on the Internet.

The suit against MIT, and three similar suits against Boston College, came after the two universities balked on procedural grounds at the RIAA's formal requests under the 1998 federal Digital Millennium Copyright Act, or DMCA, to identify the network users.

The RIAA, a trade group of major record labels, has sent out over 900 of the formal requests, known as section 512 subpoenas, to Internet service providers in the last month as part of a campaign to sue those who illegally trade recordings using the popular KaZaA and Grokster networks.

The aggressive practices reflect a change in tactics for the RIAA, which has not previously sued indi-

vidual users for trading music recordings online. "We're going to sue anyone who is infringing our copyrights," said Amy Weiss, an RIAA spokeswoman. "We're going to sue anybody who is file trading."

Under the copyright act, users sued in such a case could be liable for hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages.

### RIAA requests user of TDC IP

The RIAA in early July ordered MIT to reveal the name of the user who, as "crazyface," "was offering hundreds of copyrighted works to the world-at-large" on the KaZaA system at 9:29 a.m. on June 27 from the Internet Protocol address 18.237.0.70, the RIAA wrote in court papers.

The address, assigned by MIT to the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, is assigned to individual users automatically and dynamically by a computer run by the fraternity, said James D. Bruce, the vice president

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## Two MIT Alumni to Run For City Council in Fall

By Frank Dabek  
STAFF REPORTER

Two recent MIT graduates have thrown their hats into the Cambridge City Council race.

Matthew S. DeBergalis '99 and Aimee L. Smith PhD '02 have announced their intention to enter a field of up to 20 candidates each seeking a spot on the nine-member council.

DeBergalis, who majored in Courses VI (Electrical Engineering

and Computer Science) and XVIII (Mathematics), is running on a platform of bicycle safety, affordable housing, and influence over the Cambridge Licensing Commission. His campaign is focussed on civic participation by students. "If 3,000 students vote, even for someone else," the campaign will be a success, he said.

Smith's campaign theme is influ-

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## Institute Meets Aug. Deadline For SEVIS

By Emily M. Craparo

The International Students Office has met the government's Aug. 1 deadline to enter continuing international students into the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, said Christine L. Colburn, an international students advisor.

But it has not been easy for the ISO to deal with the SEVIS system, which Isaac M. Colbert, the dean for graduate students, described as "bulky."

"It's been a race," Colbert said. "We've been scrambling."

Universities across the country have faced difficulties in dealing with the hastily constructed SEVIS system, which, said Colbert, has contained "all kinds of ongoing operational problems." These prob-

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## Student Told to Remove Israel Flag from Dormitory Window

By Jennifer Krishnan  
NEWS EDITOR

A flag hanging from the window of an MIT dormitory became the center of controversy last month when its owner was asked to take it down and refused.

Administrators said the Israeli flag was a safety hazard and that hanging it outside a window, in a "public space," violates MIT housing rules and regulations.

Jonathan A. Goler G, the owner of the flag in question, said that when he was first asked to take down the flag, he was told it was because a fellow resident of the Sidney-Pacific Graduate Residence had complained that the flag was offensive.

"My biggest objection is they would ask me to take it down in the first place," Goler said. "A flag is a symbol that should be out for people to see, and it's part of the expression."

"It didn't matter to us whether the flag was an Israeli flag or a Canadian flag" or anything else, said Anthony E. Gray PhD '01, a residential life associate. It "had to do with MIT's housing policies regarding safety and whatnot."

Housing Director Karen Nilsson said MIT was concerned with the appearance of the building. Some of MIT's buildings are "architecturally significant," and hanging something like a flag from a window "just looks terrible."

## Nuclear Reactor Operator Asleep on Job

By Gareth Cook  
THE BOSTON GLOBE

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There are many things to remember when operating a nuclear reactor, but one rule is paramount: Stay awake.



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Jonathan A. Goler G stands in front of an Israeli flag (upper right) flying outside his ninth-floor window at the Sidney-Pacific graduate residence.

### Complaint triggers controversy

Goler said Associate Housemaster Keith N. Hampton came to him on July 2, informing him that he had "received a complaint that the flag was offensive and inflammatory and contrary to the open spirit of the [Sidney-Pacific] courtyard." Goler

said Hampton also mentioned a fire safety issue.

"There's no question that the issue first came to our attention from a student's complaint," Gray said, but once they were aware of it, it was

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PETER RUSSO—THE TECH

Construction at the former Necco factory is visible from the fourth floor hallway of Edgerton House. MIT, alleging damages to Edgerton and intolerable conditions for residents, has claimed \$43,000 in damages from the construction company, John Moriarty and Associates. See story, page 13.

### MIT Statement

The Boston Globe last week reported that an operator at MIT's nuclear reactor fell asleep while on duty. In response to inquiries from The Tech, Alice P. Gast, the vice president for research, issued the following statement in an e-mail:

"This is the first incident of this type in the more than 45 years that MIT's research reactor has conducted productive research safely. The second operator on duty at the time reacted in a professional and highly responsible manner."

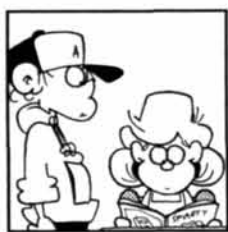
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# WORLD & NATION

## NASA Officials Promise To Comply With Recommendations

THE NEW YORK TIMES

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA.

Senior officials of NASA said on Tuesday that they were making progress in addressing the five technical recommendations made so far by the independent board investigating the crash of the shuttle Columbia.

But they would not say what the agency was doing about an issue the board has called just as important a cause of the disaster as mechanical failure: the management culture at the National Aeronautics and Space Agency.

"There will be no attempt whatsoever to argue or defend a recommendation from the Columbia Accident Investigation Board," said Frederick Gregory, NASA's deputy administrator, who was visiting the Kennedy Space Center here to join the initial meeting of a new advisory panel that is supposed to critique the preparations to return to flight.

But when asked about the board's inquiry into how information has flowed within NASA, Gregory replied, "At this point we have not received any comments officially from the accident investigation board" on the subject of management.

## Poll Finds Strong Optimism Among Hispanics in U.S.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

A new survey of Hispanics in the United States finds they are far more optimistic about life in the United States and their children's prospects than are non-Latinos, despite the fact that many are much poorer and many do not intend to gain the full benefits of citizenship.

The New York Times/CBS News poll found that nearly 70 percent of foreign-born Hispanics say they feel closer to the United States than with their country of origin, although many continue to send money to family members even though they rarely visit their home countries.

Latinos of Mexican origin account for about two-thirds of the nation's Hispanics, making immigration flows from Mexico and comparisons with Mexico's economic situation a pronounced feature of the porous and fast-evolving Hispanic population that has become the nation's largest minority group.

Smaller Latino communities link their backgrounds to Puerto Rico, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Cuba and other countries.

## SCO Seeks Linux User Fees

THE BOSTON GLOBE

SAN FRANCISCO

The SCO Group Inc., a small Utah software company that claims it owns the rights to key elements of Linux, Tuesday demanded that users of the freely distributed operating system pay \$700 for each server running Linux or face lawsuits.

SCO chief executive Darl McBride likened his company's plans to sue Linux users to the litigious tactics of the recording industry, which recently said it would sue people who illegally swap copyrighted music files over the Internet.

The new licensing plan, revealed one day after the Linux company Red Hat Inc. asked a federal judge to force SCO to reveal the substance of its claims to Linux, raised the stakes in the growing battle over who owns Linux, the open-source operating system created and improved by a far-flung community of computer programmers.

"If there was any doubt before that this is all out war against Linux, there sure isn't any longer," said Gordon Haff, a senior analyst with Illuminata Inc., a consulting firm in Nashua, N.H.

## At Least 10 Dead In Car Bomb Attack on Marriott in Jakarta

By Keith Bradsher

THE NEW YORK TIMES

JAKARTA, INDONESIA

In the most devastating attack on Indonesian soil since the twin Bali blasts last October, a sport utility vehicle packed with explosives blew up on Tuesday, striking a Marriott hotel, a large restaurant and an office building in Jakarta, the capital. Reports of the death toll ranged from 10 to 15 in the first few hours; about 150 were reported injured.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility, but because all three buildings were frequented by Americans, Indonesia's vice president, Hamzah Haz, said the attack appeared to have been aimed at American interests.

The toll may be high among Indonesians. The U.S. State Department said that no American citizens had been killed, while local news media reported on Wednesday morning that of 15 dead counted at various hospitals, all but one was Indonesian. The injured, the reports said, included an American, an Australian and two Chinese.

The Indonesian government said it knew of only one foreigner among the dead. It released no further information, but PT Rabobank Duta

Indonesia, a bank that is majority-owned by Rabobank of the Netherlands, said the blast had killed Hans Winkelmolen, a Dutch citizen who had been the bank's president until last Friday.

Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim nation. The faith has traditionally been moderate here, but more radical pockets have taken root in recent years, bringing separatist fighting and then terrorist attacks, many linked to the group Jemaah Islamiyah, which has itself been linked to al-Qaida.

The explosion on Tuesday came two days before an Indonesian court was expected to announce a verdict in the first of a number of cases of men accused of planning and carrying out the Bali attack, which killed 202 people, most of them Australian. At least one suspect has said that the Bali attacks were meant to hurt "America and its allies because they are international terrorists."

The prime minister of Australia, John Howard, told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation that the attack "had all the hallmarks of Jemaah Islamiyah."

As in the Bali case, Howard said, Australian law enforcement agents would help investigate. "We have

sent a new group of crime scene investigation federal police," he said. "They will join other officers to assist in the Indonesian police pursuit of the people responsible."

The White House strongly condemned the bombing and said it would provide any assistance possible to Indonesia. Australia also condemned the bombing, and an Indonesian official said his country had already sought the help of Australian investigators, who played a substantial role in looking into the Bali bombings as well.

The government in Indonesia immediately said it would impose more stringent internal controls on its people. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Indonesia's coordinating minister for political and security affairs, said after a cabinet meeting, "Those who criticize about human rights being breached must understand that all the bombing victims are more important than any human rights issue."

The explosion Tuesday was apparently carefully planned and timed. Indonesian officials said that the vehicle was apparently moving through the horseshoe-shaped driveway serving the buildings when it exploded, and suggested that this pointed to a suicide bomber.

## Church Approves Gay Bishop's Selection Amid Some Protests

By Monica Davey

THE NEW YORK TIMES

MINNEAPOLIS

The Episcopal Church approved the election of its first openly gay bishop on Tuesday night, reaching the historic decision after rejecting accusations of sexual misconduct against him that had suddenly halted the vote on Monday.

After being called back to the floor of the House of Bishops Tuesday afternoon, 62 of 107 diocesan bishops voted to approve the bishop-elect, V. Gene Robinson. Moments later, more than a dozen conservative bishops, their faces grim, marched slowly to the front of the House to denounce the decision as an affront to church teaching that would split the worldwide church in

two.

"The bishops who stand before you are filled with sorrow," Bishop Robert Duncan, of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, told the room. "This body has divided itself for millions of Anglican Christians around the world, brothers and sisters who have pleaded with us to maintain the church's traditional teaching on marriage and sexuality. With grief too deep for words, the bishops who stand before you must reject this action."

Duncan, one of a group of church leaders who had fought Robinson's approval for weeks, said he and his colleagues would now call on the top leaders of the Anglican Communion — the 38 primates around the world — to intervene on the "pas-

toral emergency that has overtaken" the Episcopal Church. "May God have mercy on this church," he said.

But others rejoiced in the decision, praising the popular bishop-elect for his works, and saying that the decision marked another barrier overtaken by church leaders, another widening of the church doors.

Those who had pressed for the choice, over weeks of lobbying and days of intense pressure at this convention of hundreds of Episcopalians, said they were thrilled by the outcome, but also saddened by talk of a split within the church, and the calls for help from the Anglican Communion. "I am also mindful of the fact that our brothers and sisters are brokenhearted," Wilson said, "and I feel for them in their pain."

## WEATHER

### A Muggy Summer Soup

By Michael J. Ring  
STAFF METEOROLOGIST

The high temperatures at Logan Airport over the past three days (84, 81, and 80°F respectively) have been right around the climatological average of 82°F. Of course, if you've spent even just a moment outdoors over the past few days, you will understandably doubt that claim. Nearly saturated air — with dewpoints reaching as high as 75°F during the day — is the culprit of these oppressive conditions. In Europe, conversely, temperatures have been breaking records. Highs of 40°C (104°F) have been recorded in France and Germany, while the U.K. has seen temperatures soar into the mid-30s C (low-90s F).

Our humid weather is somewhat related to the heat wave on the other side of the Atlantic. The dominant weather system in the Northern Hemisphere is currently a strong high pressure system over Scandinavia. The clockwise flow around this system has brought warm southerly winds — and abnormally high temperatures — to Western Europe. And the strength of this anticyclone, in conjunction with a strong low over the North Atlantic, has slowed the movement of other systems across the Atlantic, resulting in the meteorological repetition here.

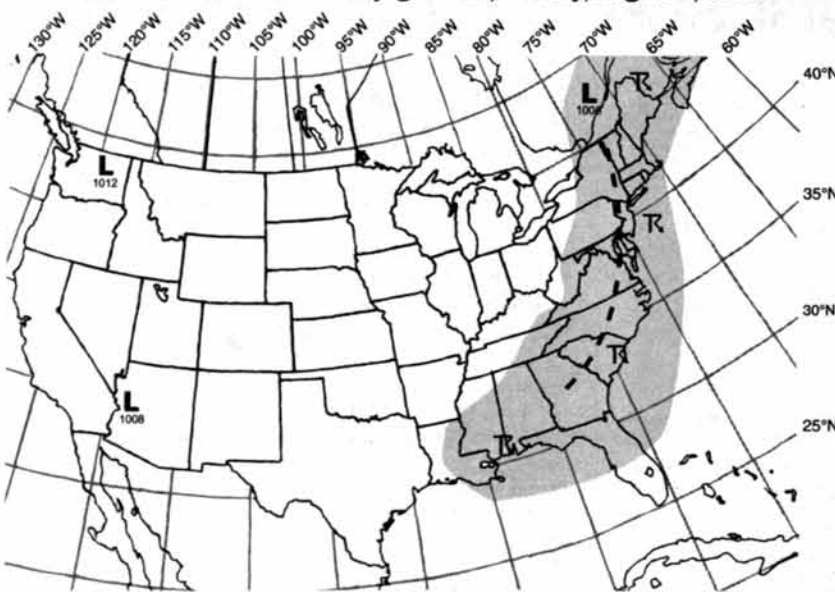
Little will change in the weather over the next few days. With the humid air ensconced over the East Coast and the warming power of the August sun overhead, showers and thunderstorms will be triggered daily.

#### Extended Forecast

**Wednesday through Friday:** Virtually the same weather each day: cloudy and humid, with showers and thunderstorms developing in the afternoon. Highs will be in the low 80s F (high 20s C), though it will feel much warmer because of the humidity. Lows near 70 F (22°C) each night.

**Saturday and Sunday:** Similarly uncomfortable and showery weather, but perhaps a hint cooler. Highs in the upper 70s F (mid 20s C) and lows in the upper 60s F (near 20°C).

Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, YYYYday, August 6, 2003



Weather Systems	Weather Fronts	Precipitation Symbols	Other Symbols
H High Pressure	- - - Trough	Snow *	Fog
L Low Pressure	- - - Warm Front	Light Rain ▽	Thunderstorm
S Hurricane	- - - Cold Front	Moderate Rain *	Haze
	- - - Stationary Front	Heavy Rain *	

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# Nigerian Peacekeeping Troops Arrive at Airport in Monrovia

By Somini Sengupta  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

MONROVIA, LIBERIA

The first contingents of West African peacekeeping troops arrived here early Monday, stirring hopes that months of fighting might soon end.

With American forces offshore in three warships, and President Bush still undecided about deploying them in Liberia, about 200 Nigerian troops landed in helicopters at the airport but did not venture beyond it. They are the first of an expected force of 3,250 West African soldiers.

All day, Liberians in the government-controlled portion of the capital waited to see the first of the troops sent here to end the terrifying two-month battle for this city. Ignoring the pounding rain, they rushed onto the airport tarmac as the first helicopters carrying the Nigerians landed.

The Liberians cheered and sang songs and thanked God, as they have repeatedly over the last sever-

al weeks at every glimmer of hope. They wore T-shirts with a simple blue-stenciled message on the back: "Peace at Last." White flags to represent peace were flying.

Yet there was still the routine crackle of gunfire. Thick black smoke rose from a building in a rebel-controlled area that has witnessed some of the bloodiest fighting in the last 16 days.

Fear was hardly banished. Relief, the people here said, would come when the force, which has promised to get between the warring factions and secure the city, has made its way to the rebel-controlled Free Port of Monrovia, the capital's lifeline for food, fuel and medical supplies.

In Reuters Television footage, young men could be seen playing soccer on the rebel-held side while across the river, in the government-held part of the city, people have been ravaged by hunger, disease and the terror of stray bullets and mortar shells.

It has impossible to assess the

relief needs on the rebel-held side, let alone in the rest of the country.

By day's end, roughly 200 peacekeeping troops had arrived, part of a 770-strong Nigerian battalion that served as U.N. peacekeepers in Sierra Leone and is expected here over the next few days.

On Monday, men and women lined the main road from the airport, hoping to catch a glimpse of them.

Philomena Jah ventured as far as 50 yards beyond her front door in downtown Monrovia. It was the farthest she had stepped out in over two weeks. On Monday morning, she bought charcoal, hunted for cornmeal and waited for her prayers to be answered.

"We're all waiting to see them," she said of the West African force. "Their presence, you know, will give us some sort of security, some sort of relief."

In Washington, Bush administration officials welcomed the deployment of the peacekeepers.

# Abbas Cancels Talks with Sharon In Dispute over Prisoner Release

By James Bennet  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

JERUSALEM

The Palestinian prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, on Tuesday canceled talks scheduled for Wednesday with his Israeli counterpart, Ariel Sharon, to protest a planned release of Palestinian prisoners as a damaging diplomatic stunt, Palestinian officials said.

Israeli officials said the prisoner release, still set for Wednesday, was a politically difficult concession intended to strengthen Abbas. But Abbas' allies called the move a blow to his credibility, saying that many if not most of the 338 prisoners were due to be freed soon anyway.

In a further complication, top Israeli security officials said on Tuesday that Iran was financing and directing new Palestinian violence.

Instead of easing the way for the current peace plan, the prisoner release has become a sticking point, with both sides seemingly aiming their arguments less at each other than at Washington. As Palestinian officials tried to play down the significance of the release, Israeli officials tried to draw attention to it, informing foreign reporters when and where the prisoners would be freed and promising "full media

access."

The peace plan does not specifically oblige Israel to release prisoners, and Israel has repeatedly characterized the step as a goodwill gesture. So far, it appears to be having the effect of obscuring the precise concessions demanded of each side, which neither has fulfilled.

Hisham Abdul Razeq, the Palestinian minister for prisoner affairs, dismissed any suggestion that the release would help Abbas, who is known as Abu Mazen. "Israel's way of acting, since this government was created, is showing that their intentions are to destroy the government, to destroy Abu Mazen personally," he said by telephone.

He said that Israel was wrong to determine unilaterally which prisoners would be freed.

The government has ruled out releasing prisoners with "blood on their hands," a reference to those involved in terrorist attacks. Many of those to be released were convicted of acts like throwing stones or Molotov cocktails, or with being members of groups like Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Israel had previously said it would release no members of those groups, but relented after Abbas objected.

It was a month ago that the gov-

ernment first voted to release hundreds of Palestinian prisoners. Since then, the number has declined from a previously announced figure of 540, in part because some finished serving their terms in the meantime, Israeli officials said.

Further, the planned release of an additional 99 prisoners, described by Israeli officials as 50 common criminals and 49 Palestinians caught illegally in Israel, has been postponed, Israeli security officials said. They said the government did not want to play into the Palestinian accusation that it was releasing only common criminals, whom the Palestinian Authority is not necessarily eager to see freed, and illegal workers.

Of those to be released, roughly half were convicted on Israeli charges and half are in "administrative detention," under which Israel can hold prisoners without charge or trial for up to six months, with the possibility of extensions.

The government had said that priority in the release would be given to women and children. A senior security official said that fewer than a dozen of those to be released Wednesday were under 18; minors being held amount to a few dozen, he added. No women are to be released, officials said.

# Linux Distributor Red Hat Files Suit Against SCO in Fight Over Copyright

By Chris Gaither  
THE BOSTON GLOBE

SAN FRANCISCO

The open-source software movement Monday launched a counterstrike against a growing threat to Linux, as Red Hat Inc. sued the company that claims it owns substantial parts of the code for the freely distributed operating system.

Red Hat, the largest company selling exclusively open-source software, sued SCO Group Inc. in federal court in Delaware, accusing the Utah software concern of waging "an unfair, untrue, and deceptive campaign" to scare customers considering purchases of Red Hat software.

Red Hat, based in Raleigh, N.C., also pledged \$1 million for small companies and nonprofit organizations to defend themselves in case SCO sues them for developing open-source software.

"We're going on the offensive," said Red Hat chief executive

Matthew Szulik.

Boosted by a rare overlap of idealism and pragmatism, open-source software has made major advances into corporate data centers in recent years, especially as companies have sought alternatives to the operating system sold by Microsoft Corp. The SCO legal entanglement worries the open-source community, a band of programmers who share ideas and code to collectively create software that companies can then modify and sell in accordance with the General Public License, a set of rules administered by the Boston-based Free Software Foundation.

SCO says it holds the rights to Unix System V software and has sued IBM Corp. for incorporating copyrighted elements of that code into its version of Linux. SCO has released few details about which elements of Linux infringe upon its intellectual property. But the company has sent letters to about 1,500 major corporations, including some Red Hat customers, warning that

they could be held liable.

Red Hat has not been sued by SCO, but Red Hat Monday asked a judge to rule that its version of Linux contains no code protected by SCO copyrights and uses no SCO trade secrets. Red Hat also accused SCO of violating federal laws regarding unfair competition and false advertising, as well as Delaware laws prohibiting trade libel, unfair competition, and interference with prospective economic advantage.

In a prepared statement, SCO said it has not been trying to instill uncertainty and fear in Linux users as Red Hat claimed. "We have been educating end users on the risks of running an operating system that is an unauthorized derivative of Unix," it said.

In a letter to Szulik sent in response to the lawsuit, SCO chief executive Darl McBride said his company would probably in turn sue Red Hat for copyright infringement and conspiracy.

## Novell Acquires Ximian

THE BOSTON GLOBE

BOSTON

Computer networker Novell Inc. has acquired Boston-based Linux software maker Ximian in the latest move by Novell to establish itself as a major supporter of the freely available operating system that has become a popular alternative to Microsoft Windows.

Neither company would disclose the size of the deal, though Novell said that it paid cash for Ximian and that the purchase will have no material impact on Novell's financial condition.

"It gives our customers a choice," said Novell CEO Jack Messman. "They can now pick the operating system they want."

Ximian specializes in the development of software to make Linux more desktop-friendly, such as GNOME, a point-and-click user interface, and Red Carpet, a system-management tool that allows central control of many Linux and Unix desktop machines inside a business.

Ximian's chief technology officer, Miguel de Icaza, said the acquisition solves a couple of major problems for his firm. "A lot of times people have no idea how hard it is for a small software company to get its products distributed," de Icaza said. Access to Novell's established distribution network should fix that, he said, and also ease customer concerns that a small company like Ximian might go out of business and leave them in the lurch. "Having a company the size of Novell definitely helps there," he said.

## Ground Zero Air Pollution Suspected In Rise in Small Babies

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK

Scientists say they have measured a slight but significant rise in the percentage of small babies born to women who were around the World Trade Center during or after the terror attack, compared with the babies of a large sample of pregnant women who were elsewhere at the time.

The researchers, from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, proposed that air pollution from the pulverized, smoldering wreckage was the most likely cause of the difference. But they and other experts said more work was needed to clarify any link.

The study revealed no other hints that exposure to the disaster site or to dust had affected pregnancies in any way. The findings are published in a research letter, a short initial report, in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

New York City health officials said the implications of this kind of study were limited by its size and methods, which among other things involved relying on the recollections of the women being monitored. In a statement, they also noted that the study "found no increase in infant mortality, premature births or low birth weights."

Specifically, the researchers found that 8 percent of babies born to 182 mothers who were in or near the wreckage while pregnant were small for the length of their gestation, compared with less than 4 percent of more than 2,300 babies born in New York City to women who were not nearby. The condition is called intrauterine growth restriction.

But the infants born to women who were at or near ground zero were not any more likely to be below 5.5 pounds, a threshold for low birth weight used as an index of the quality of a pregnancy.

## 100-Mile Run Is a Labor of Love

THE BOSTON GLOBE

SOUTH WOODSTOCK, VT.

It's just before the 4 a.m. start for the Vermont 100 Mile Endurance Run, and the constellations above Smoke Rise Farm appear almost within reach. As the 290 runners descend to the dirt road starting line, fireworks light the Green Mountains and a well-dressed man plays the theme from "Chariots of Fire" on an electric organ. Ahead lie 100 miles with 14,000 feet of ascent and descent. The runners are like family. Their common goal is to run those 100 miles in 30 hours or less.

That's almost four marathons tacked together. No television crews or cheering fans await them along the course or at the finish line. They will do this for no prize money, no acclaim. If they finish in 24 hours or less, they receive a belt buckle; 30 hours or less earns a plaque. After that, well, they can keep their blisters.

The runners have their blood pressure and weight checked at Miles 44, 68, and 83. If they lose 7 percent of their body mass, they are disqualified. Seldom does that happen.

"They eat like horses" at the 35 aid stations, says Hutchinson. "It's like a 100-mile buffet."

At Mile 68, handler Lee Remick asks runner Don James if he needs any blisters popped. She has an extra pair of shoes, clean socks, and T-shirt waiting. The average runner goes through four pairs of shoes.

## Vultures Invade Virginia Town

THE NEW YORK TIMES

RADFORD, VA.

The day the vultures arrived here was a moment made for Hitchcock.

No one can say why they came. No one really saw them arrive. They were just there one morning last November, sitting in pine trees near the center of town. Hundreds of them. Black, beady-eyed and slightly menacing. Smelly, too. Road-kill smelly.

"It would take your breath away," said Thomas K. Adams, a local farmer whose girlfriend lived across the street from the vulture roost. "A barnyard smelled clean by comparison. They smelled like, well, dead animals."

Every day for five months, city officials battled to uproot the roost, exploding fireworks, spraying the vultures with water and finally chopping down trees. Nothing seemed to work. And then, as suddenly and weirdly as they had arrived, the vultures left, scattering one March morning like huge flocks of steroid-fed starlings.

But they did not go far. Many of them are now in some woods nearby, nesting and lurking, and local officials expect them to try to retake the town in the fall. If they do return, like Capistrano swallows, the police intend to be ready with something more potent than a song: traps, and maybe shotguns.

"We've got to do something, because they'll be back," said David R. Fields, a former Marine who is the animal control officer for Radford, an Appalachian city of 17,000 in the New River Valley, near Roanoke.



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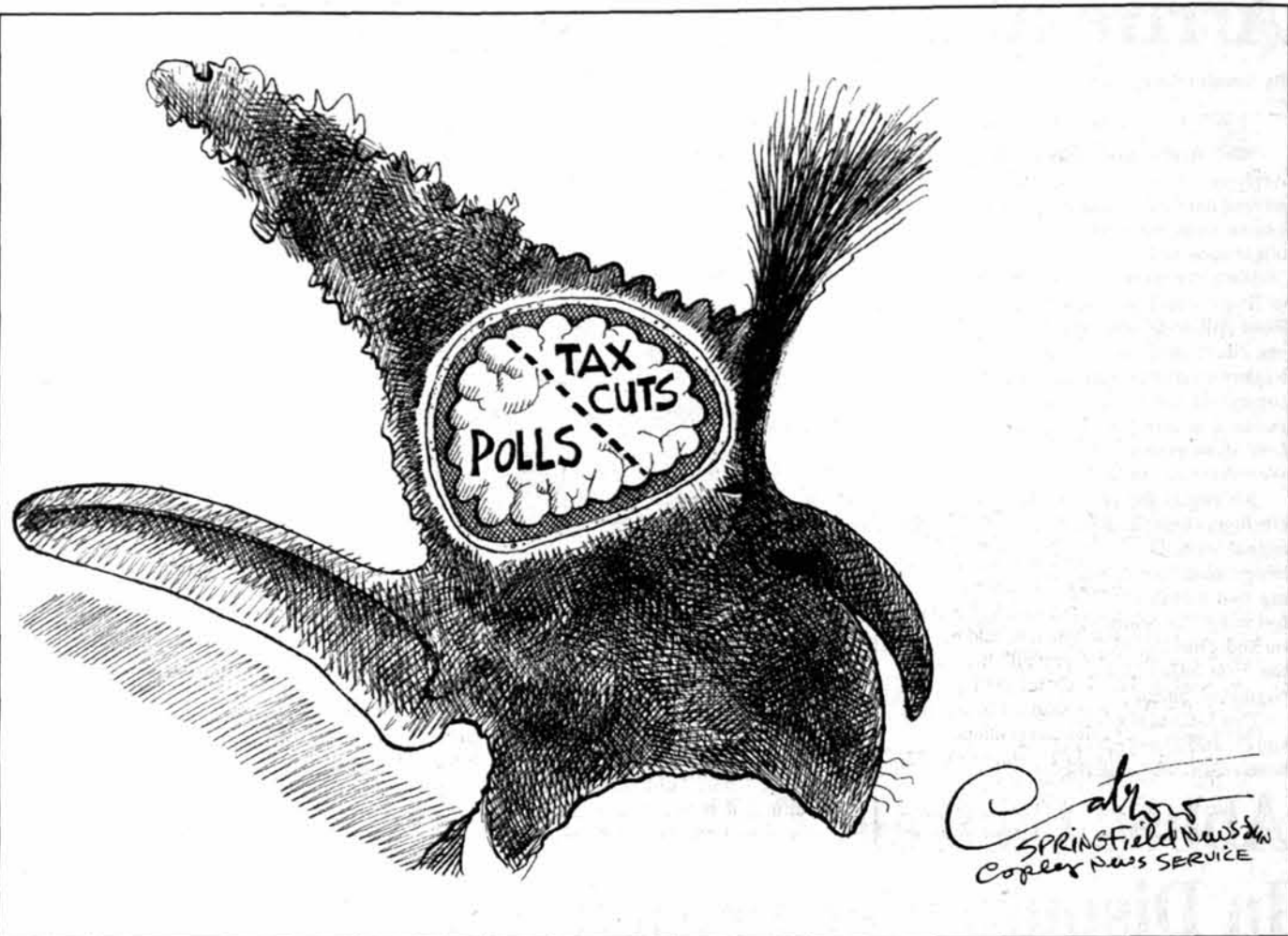
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**"He reminds me of George Wallace, standing in the doorway like that."**

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## The Ombudsman

### Tech on the Web?

By John A. Hawkinson

In my July 9th column, because of an ombudseditting\* error, The Tech's news and features director was misdescribed as a "news ubereditor"—he is a "news übereditor."

For those who care to watch the masthead, expect some changes after this issue. Effective tomorrow, Nathan Collins departs for Stanford, handing the editor-in-chief position to Christine Fry, Keith Winstein drops his überness (his überen?), and Tech veteran Jen Krishnan assumes the übermantle.

#### Tech Issues on the Web

A perennial complaint about *The Tech* is the timeliness of issues being placed on the Web. I fear that the concern has been so poorly handled in the past that no one even bothers to complain about it. It is accepted that *The Tech* is delinquent in this regard (taking days to weeks), and life goes on. This is not how it should be. But pessimism must not prevail! It is worth commending *The Tech* for getting Issue #29 on the Web less than 24 hours after publication. I hope this can continue.

Looking at the last volume (V122, Feb 2002 - Jan 2003) three issues seem to be missing from the Web: #14, #43, and #44. And even in the current volume, there's work to be done; my own column on quoting electronic communication is missing from issue #27. That's gotta be ironic. I fear to look back into 2001.

Of course, the root of the problem is that the process of putting issues on the Web is divorced from the process of producing issues, and there is very low accountability (staff away in the summer worsen this problem). The Tech's management needs to make this a priority.

#### Breaking News on the Web

Years ago, *The Tech* used to maintain a section of the Web site for "breaking news" (generally about MIT). At present, *The Tech*'s news department appears to have decided that it is appropriate to focus on print journalism; Winstein worries about the resources necessary to maintain breaking news on the Web. That seems a reasonable concern, and such focusing should result in better print journalism—but is it legitimate?

At first it seemed sound to me, but now I am much less sure. In recent weeks, the Recording Industry Association of America has subpoenaed MIT and there has been various legal back-and-forth; I think many readers would have appreciated having real-time access to the legal documents via the Tech's Web site, rather than on the personal Web site of the reporter covering the story (for those in the know), or waiting weeks for the Tech's print publication (for those not). It seems a small step to move from publishing on a reporter's site to publishing on the Tech's site.

#### Handling of e-mail

The Tech's handling of e-mail is confusing and often shoddy. The published addresses (see page 4) are not all clear in scope, and many inquiries go unanswered. A strong effort should be made to improve the situation.

As a reader, if you are uncertain where to send your message, please feel free to address it to [ombudsman@the-tech.mit.edu](mailto:ombudsman@the-tech.mit.edu), or to carbon copy me on your correspondence. To try to clarify ("@tt" is short for "@the-tech.mit.edu"):

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- [news@tt](mailto:news@tt) reaches the news and features director, who is responsible for forwarding appropriate items on to more eyes within the news department. At my instigation, it now has a formal archive, visible to staff of the paper. This is the place to send "press releases, requests

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# The Debate That Shouldn't Be

Shankar Mukherji

They're unnatural. They're sinners. They're going to hell. They're corrupting our children. They're getting too powerful. They're actually unhappy and need counseling. And, for goodness sake, they are so very queer. I think I've heard them all - and that was only on CNN. Most importantly, however, this is all such a waste of time. With all the poverty and all the hunger in all the world, with all the terrorists here and abroad, with American soldiers dying in Iraq while their homes are foreclosed under a stumbling economy and their government runs a record budget deficit, I cannot believe that this is where the conservative establishment has chosen to draw the battle lines at this time. I have a simple message to my friends on the right: just give up already.

This week President George Bush and His Holiness Pope John Paul II both issued strong, unequivocal statements opposing gay marriages, with the latter going as far as instructing Catholic lawmakers (who, lest we forget, are elected by local constituencies and are sworn to uphold national constitutions) that to allow homosexual unions would be "gravely immoral." To be sure, much of the raging debate is a reaction to Lawrence and Garner v. Texas, in which the Supreme Court held that a Texas sodomy law aimed at criminalizing homosexual conduct violated citizens' due process rights as guaranteed by the Constitution, as well as the Canadian Supreme Court's decision granting legal sanction to the notion of gay marriage in that country. While the popular trend on the issue of gay rights has in fact been one of increasing freedoms and acceptance, the landmark court decisions, which overruled democratically elected legislatures in the defense of individual liberties, clearly ruffled more than a few feathers. But it does lead us to what I hope everyone will, in the end, take away from this debate: sometimes your views, no matter how popular they are, simply do not matter. As a nation of laws, and not of men, each and every one of us is guaranteed to be treated just like everyone else, as long as we don't harm anyone. The

Bill of Rights, in fact, is just as much a protection against the 'tyranny of the majority' as it is against the institutions of government. Therefore, although Mr. Bush and his supporters are allowed to hold any view they wish on the subject of gay marriage, they simply have no standing to prevent it from taking place except via constitutional amendment; that is, they can change the rules of the game itself.

It is the talk of a constitutional amendment to explicitly ban the possibility of gay marriage that makes this issue very serious (don't get me wrong, issues of discrimination are never to be taken lightly, but as I stated before under the current embodiment of the Constitution this shouldn't even be a subject of debate). William Frist, the Republican leader in the U.S. Senate hand-picked by the Bush Administration,

has proposed just such a measure and, though initially rebuffed by Mr. Bush, it is not at all a remote possibility. The Constitution is not just an important legal document, not just the supreme law of the land, it is also the highest incarnation of our ideals as a civil society. Why would we want our Constitution to be an instrument keeping two loving people unbound in the eyes of the law? The answer invariably rests on issues of individual morality and religious doctrine: it's God who says that marriage should be only between a man and woman.

I personally have two serious problems with this position. First, as a religious person, I am deeply offended at the thought that such an inspirational part of my life could be hijacked for such a destructive, mean-spirited purpose. As a practicing Hindu, a religion that represents nearly one-sixth of humanity, I can humbly assert that God couldn't care less about the gender of one's spouse, only

that the union is one founded in love and leads to the betterment of both souls. It would be a crime if someone else's views on spirituality, codified in the Constitution, were allowed to trump my (or anyone else's) very personally held religious mores. Second, by such a justification for constitutional amendment we would significantly erode one of the great cornerstones of American democracy: the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The proposed constitutional ban would basically equate the religious marriage ceremony with the civil institution of marriage when there is really no need, nor any logical basis, to do so.

Instead, we should follow the advice of writer and Christian scholar C.S. Lewis, who wrote, "There ought to be two distinct kinds of marriage: one governed by the state with rules enforced on all citizens, the other governed by the Church with rules enforced by her on her own members." Just as a gay couple has no right to ask the govern-

ment to force a Catholic priest to marry them, Christian world views should not be imposed on the civic facets of marriage.

In the end, I am not overly concerned about the future of gay marriage. The last time a Constitutional Amendment passed curbing freedoms (the Eighteenth, marking the beginning of Prohibition), it was later dismissed as a signature failure in public policy. Let's not forget that the forces that today's civil rights activists are fighting against are the same ones that opposed the revolution against the British Crown, that opposed the abolition of slavery, that opposed the enfranchisement of women, and that opposed the movement of Martin Luther King, Jr. They lost each and every one of those battles, and they're going to lose this one as well. So, my misguided friends, why not just give up now?

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## Financing the War on AIDS

Gretchen K. Aleks

Summer vacation is, for most MIT students, a break from normal routine: a time to travel, an opportunity to focus on research without the distractions of term, a period to relax and ignore the stresses of daily life. Unfortunately, this means many of us — and many Americans in general — have ignored the goings-on of the wider world and have neglected reading the news. And while we've been sipping iced tea and watching sunsets, our commander-in-chief has taken the opportunity to make more harebrained decisions than you or I will make in an entire lifetime, many of them falling outside the public radar. In case you've opted for running over Rather after a long day at work, here is a rundown on current developments in what Bush would like us to believe is his pet cause: the global AIDS crisis.

Way back in January, Bush promised to increase AIDS funding to developing countries by 15 billion dollars over five years. Never mind that this "new" money was going to mean cuts in other humanitarian and foreign aid, or that the United States' contribution was not going toward the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, an established, efficient, multilateral fund for fighting disease in the third world, the announcement represented at least a baby step forward for the Bush administration. Fast forward to July, and there are real doubts over whether the promised money will ever materialize, and if it does, whether it will be put to effective use.

Bush started the month by naming Randy Tobias, the former C.E.O. of Eli Lilly, to administer the 15 billion dollar fund. Eli Lilly, one of the top pharmaceutical companies in the U.S., has been a ringleader in Big Pharma's crusade to deny generic and other

low-cost antiretroviral medications to the individuals in developing countries. For Bush to appoint Tobias — a man who has no experience with AIDS or with Africa — to oversee the implementation of American aid to a group of people in whom he sees no value, is insulting and nonsensical. Many AIDS groups are concerned that Tobias will simply be a pawn to the pharmaceutical companies, who maintain that the AIDS epidemic in developing countries can be fought solely through educating people about the disease, even while experts in public health acknowledge that access to drugs needs to be a cornerstone in the fight against AIDS.

Moreover, Tobias is about as qualified for this job as James Traficant is to be a fashion consultant. He has worked only in the private sector, and has no experience in public health

matters in the United States, much less in Africa and the Caribbean. Tobias' lack of qualifications would not be as important if the United States were just writing a check to the UN's Global Fund, a stream-

lined organization remarkably transparent and free of overburdening bureaucracy. However, since the U.S. is seeking to reinvent the wheel and set-up its own avenues for delivering the aid to developing countries, it is actually important that we have an administrator who has some measure of experience.

As it turns out, Bush's choice of administrator may not be so important anyway, because Tobias might not even have any money in his fund to oversee. Democrats in Congress have recommended budgeting 3 billion dollars for the upcoming fiscal year to fight AIDS, but Bush and the Office of Management and Budget hoped to budget only 1.55 billion dollars for 2004 to combat AIDS, with a total budget of 2 billion dollars for health aid to developing countries if

money to fight other diseases, such as TB and malaria, is included. Bush claimed in his recent press conference that any more money than this will be wasted because AIDS programs would not be able to effectively use additional funds. Yes, it may be true that AIDS programs cannot spend more than 1.55 billion dollars in any given year on the "abstinence only" brand of AIDS prevention that the Bush administration finds not only adequate, but exhaustive. AIDS, however, is a complex disease, and curbing its spread will require a more complex approach than simply spreading the good news about abstinence. The additional money could be spent on condoms or, heaven — and Eli Lilly — forbid, antiretrovirals and other medicines.

Bush has a special response to the point that more money should be budgeted to go towards purchasing medicine for AIDS patients in developing countries: the infrastructure is simply not in place to distribute these drugs. However, the Global Fund has already been putting money that other countries and private donors have contributed towards improving the network for drug distribution, and there are organizations that currently oversee the disbursement of these life-saving medicines in out-of-the-way clinics and that have developed a paradigm for making drug therapy successful in the least-technologically advanced societies.

If, in fact, the infrastructure for drug delivery is not in place, it's hard to think of a better way for AIDS money to be spent than for establishing said pathways. Moreover, it's hard to think of a reason why American money should be given to the wealthy in the form of tax breaks instead of to an AIDS fund, in particular the Global Fund. It is inefficient for Bush to attempt to administer his own AIDS fund when there's a multilateral fund that would serve the needs of developing countries better, and it is selfish for Bush and Congressional Republicans to back down on their past promise to deliver three billion dollars a year towards fighting the global epidemic. Americans — and students in particular — need to hold the administration responsible for adhering to the details and the spirit of the promises that the President made in January.

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# Whether to Intervene In Liberia

Daniel Barclay

The recent humanitarian disaster in Liberia placed pressure on the United States to send a peacekeeping force to its troubled former dependency. Loath to commit almost-overextended troops to a place of uncertain relevance to the national interest, the U.S. balked. Instead, it offered logistical assistance for an interim West African peacekeeping force. Liberians and others were disappointed, but largely accepted the position as a minimal American contribution.

The Liberia episode leaves in its wake two salient questions: Was American strategy correct? And if so, how effectively was it implemented?

Curiously, the second issue has more consequence than the first. The cases for and against intervention were close to even; either would be a viable option. However, the success of each plan was based less on its merits than on its public perception. By portraying its position favorably, the U.S. was able to compensate for a plan not inherently disposed to be viewed as such.

What the American decision against significant intervention lacked in popularity, it made up for in expediency. American actions avoided tying up troops at a time when they were badly needed. With 16 of the Army's 33 active combat brigades in Iraq for the foreseeable future, several others also deployed overseas, and protracted National Guard call-ups threatening to damage future recruitment efforts, any additional deployments should naturally have been regarded with a certain skepticism. Even the mere 2,300 troops that the U.S. sent to Liberia could have been sorely missed if left there on an extended basis.

The policy the U.S. chose definitely minimized its risks, at least in the short term. No chance of providing indirect encouragement to Liberian dictator Charles Taylor, of a

reduced capability to meet emerging threats, of a blow to military morale, of another Somalia. The security risks of inaction were negligible.

But relative inaction involved the forfeiture of benefits that could have been gained. Most immediate of these was the greater stability that a more robust intervention would have brought to Liberia and neighboring countries, significantly reducing both the current bloodshed and the potential for more in the future. By alleviating a humanitarian disaster, the United States would have demonstrated its commitment to Africa beyond a doubt. A case of the United States using its military might for unequivocally positive purposes, while being unequivocally welcomed by the local populace, would have helped calm anti-American sentiment in some quarters left over from Gulf War II. The goodwill thus engendered would have moderated other countries' calls for other, perhaps less auspicious, American peacekeeping ventures in the future. In the very long term, American assistance to Liberia in its hour of need could have cemented the special relationship between the two countries, giving America an immutable African ally.

The strategic debate may be oversimplified to one of minor harms to national security versus minor gains to international standing. Compelling arguments abounded for and against intervention, with no clear trump card to give one side a decisive advantage.

Accordingly, the decision itself diminished in importance. The paramount American interest lay not in deciding on the optimal plan, but in executing that plan optimally. Benign public perception was crucial to make intervention a success, and to avoid making nonintervention a failure.

The battle of policy thus gave way to the battle of public opinion. The administration wanted to put the best face on its position of relative disengagement, while those who dis-

agreed hoped to shame it into further action.

Interventionists won the first round. The reports emerging from Liberia were appalling, and an upcoming presidential visit to Africa placed extra pressure on the U.S. to send peacekeeping troops as a way of demonstrating its commitment to the continent. Caught off guard, the administration hinted that troops might be forthcoming and dispatched a fact-finding team to Liberia. Mixed messages ensued.

But as impatience for a decision grew, so did the coherency of the administration's defense. The U.S. would consider sending peacekeeping troops, but only with the precondition of Taylor's departure. No fool, Taylor swiftly fired back a reciprocal declaration that he would step down as soon as peacekeepers arrived. Diplomats used the deadlock to establish a tenuous cease-fire between Taylor's government and the rebels.

However, as interventionists were quick to point out, such a cease-fire would be only transitory in the absence of peacekeepers. The riposte: since Taylor still showed no signs of leaving, the U.S. could not change tack and send them in without caving to the whims of a second-rate despot. The only alternative, went this line of reasoning, was to send in West African peacekeepers.

While the West Africans prepared, the cease-fire unsurprisingly collapsed. Renewed bloodshed in Monrovia brought with it renewed calls for concrete American action. But by now the interventionist cause was already lost — the raging violence, Taylor's continued hold on power, and the forthcoming West Africans had obviated the practicality of a robust American presence. Still,

American inaction in the face of human suffering made for some distinctly uncomfortable moments during the two weeks before the West African peacekeepers finally arrived.

To sum up: The presidential visit was undermined to a substantial extent, and the American commitment to Africa was called into question. Many Liberians lost faith in their "big brother." And the fact that the U.S. seemingly stood idly by while people perished did not play well in the court of public opinion.

Still, while the U.S. did not act as vigorously as many would have liked, it did act — to organize cease-fires, persuade Taylor to step down, and support a peacekeeping force. This fact, coupled with the plausible excuse

that intervention was impossible so long as violence and Taylor remained, served to take much of the edge off American quiescence. The U.S. mostly achieved its primary goal of avoiding a significant deployment —

although this was not necessarily the best move — and its secondary goal of limiting negative fallout.

American actions were somewhat callous, yet effective. Confronted with an unpleasant situation, the administration developed a workable plan and a workable means to implement it. The cost in American prestige and Liberian lives was very real, but far smaller than it could have been.

The recent bloodshed has been a tragedy for Liberia, international stability, and humanity, but not American foreign policy.

Daniel Barclay is a member of the class of 2007.

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## Tech Mishandles E-mail

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for coverage, and information about errors that call for correction."

I think [news@tt](mailto:news@tt) is relatively well handled, though I do have concerns that the news and features director is in a position to make judgements about what does and does not deserve to be brought before the news editors and news writers, and may have an overstrong bias in the news selection process. This is alleviated some by the archive.

I think [letters@tt](mailto:letters@tt) is acceptably handled, though it would benefit from a formal archive visible to the staff of the paper.

I'm very concerned about [general@tt](mailto:general@tt); when I've sent mail there, or been copied on such mail, the response rate has been very low. On Monday night I discussed these issues with the Tech's chairman, and she expressed frustration at her inability to marshal the forces within the executive board, and at how many of the issues were not ones she could solve personally.

A formal archive of [general@tt](mailto:general@tt) is needed, visible to members of the executive board (at a minimum). That will allow them to confirm that messages have been answered, especially historically. At present, if an inquiry were to arrive to [general@tt](mailto:general@tt) asserting that mail was sent to [general@tt](mailto:general@tt) six or twelve months previous, it would be very hard for the truth of that to be determined. My quiet requests for an archive got no direct reply, though the excuse that the list is used for internal deliberations has been offered; this does not satisfy, they may create another list for such internal deliberations, if necessary.

There are similar problems with other Tech mailing lists. To highlight one egregious example, e-mail regarding articles on the Web site is directed to [archive@tt](mailto:archive@tt) (generally reprint permissions and problems with the web site). Looking back at the formal archive, I can find 13 messages unanswered since April.

The executive board needs to step up to the plate and ensure that these problems are addressed and do not continue. Where individual members of the executive board feel ineffective, they need to raise the issues before the Tech's larger governing body, the managing board. (The managing board consists of all editors across all departments, and appoints the executive board.)

\* Since my column is edited only with my permission, I take full responsibility for this error.

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## ARTS

## THEATER REVIEW

*All the Park's a Stage**Pistols and Tango Fail to Mar 'Macbeth' in the Common*

By Jeremy Baskin

ARTS EDITOR

Macbeth

By William Shakespeare

The Commonwealth Shakespeare Company  
Boston CommonRemaining performances: Aug. 5-9, 8:00  
p.m.; Aug. 10, 7:00 p.m.

There's only one word to describe a 75 degree, clear, arid night spent sitting on a blanket amongst hundreds of peanut-butter-sandwich eating, water bottle-drinking theater goers in Boston Common: paradise. And to top it off, the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company's production of *Macbeth*, while not flawless or earth-shattering — or perhaps forest-moving — was professional and entertaining.

Shakespeare-in-the-park is to theater types what park concerts are to music types — these performances obey a certain set of rules. Because admission is free and costs are recouped only by advertisements and donations, the performance should appeal to a wide audience. If Mozart is on the program, it's more likely to be the Jupiter Symphony rather than the Mass in C Major. And when the crowd chants "Bo-le-ro! Bo-le-ro!" — well, you play Bolero.

Theater is no different. Don't expect to see an authentic rendition of Moliere's *Tartuffe* or even an obscure Shakespeare comedy. Expect the best of the best, the play you read in high school, to which you know the story, and to

which you've already seen the Mel Gibson movie: Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.

And there's nothing wrong with this state of affairs, either. Difficult plays are for difficult months, when you have to trudge through the snow on a blisteringly cold night to the basement of a Harvard dormitory to see an atonal song cycle for alto, cello, and xylophone or an existentialist play about Samuel Beckett's life. As if *Waiting for Godot* isn't hard enough to digest, try, for fun, a play about the kook who dreamed it up.

But we'll have none of that stress on our idyllic summer night at Boston Common, because the summer is for enjoyment. And enjoyment was had by all.

The staging was relatively simple, the set used for the entire show consisting of walls with small windows and broken glass as the backdrop and entrances here, there, and everywhere. In addition to two spotlights, background lighting was imaginative: red when murder was occurring, white when the "good" people (Malcolm, Donalbain, Macduff) were plotting to oust the tyrant Macbeth, and green when Birnam Wood was marching toward Dunsinane Castle.

Another part of the set was the three witches, who spent the entire performance on stage. Apart from their two scenes with Macbeth, they were in the background, not interacting with the other characters on stage but merely painting smears of red paint on the walls of the set as more and more characters were murdered.

Other elements of the direction seemed to satisfy entertainment or convenience: pistols abruptly ended swordfights that would have required a lot more choreography, and catchy tango music kept the audience pacified during scene changes or dull moments. The pistols and some of the accompanying costumes seemed a bit over the top, but the tango worked remarkably well, at least to my ears.

As for the acting, *Macbeth* (sadly, the program did not have any actors' names) was the tragic hero of the evening in more ways than one. Of course *Macbeth* is a pitiable tyrant, a hero with an Achilles' heel, but the actor who portrayed *Macbeth* fell into a similar category. That he was the best actor on stage is an undisputed fact to me, and that he owned each scene he appeared in and displayed a range of emotions and volumes of voice was apparent to all. But there were more than the few allowed line fumbles, which unfortunately detracted from the performance. On the other hand, try saying "If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well/ It were done quickly" with feeling, in front of a thousand people.

But enough pickiness. We'll have to save that for MITSO's upcoming performance of Beethoven's *Pastoral Symphony*. The play is good, the staging and acting are good, the admission is free, and there are even enough portapotties that you can enjoy that second \$3.75 cup of freshly squeezed lemonade guilt-free.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW

*A Hole Lot of Kreme-y Goodness**Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Worth the Drive and Wait*

By Jeremy Baskin

ARTS EDITOR

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

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Sun. - Thurs., 5 a.m. - 2 a.m.

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In the shadow of a giant, green neon Kappy's liquor store sign just off of Route 28 lies a nondescript red brick building with a parking lot which is packed at 9:30 p.m. on a Thursday night. "There's an empty one. Ooh, a tight fit." My friend's SUV barely fits into one of the few parking spots that remain, a prelude to what will come. By the time we're through with our foray into a little doughnut shop called Krispy Kreme, we might have trouble squeezing back into the Ford Explorer that brought us all the way to Medford.

As we walk in the door, the aroma is overwhelming. Just behind the meandering line of roughly 100 customers and an army of about 15 employees lies the machinery that makes the original glazed doughnuts before our very eyes. At the end of the line, we watch the process: small thin rings of dough expand in a chamber as they move up and down on a series of racks, and then they are deposited into a vat of bubbling oil.

After floating across, being flipped, and floating across some more oil, the now cooked doughnuts dry as they continue their journey



Customers line up for piping hot original glazed doughnuts at Krispy Kreme Doughnuts in Medford, Mass.

to its grand finale: a death-defying plunge through a waterfall of glaze.

Five to ten seconds of drying occurs before the doughnut is either placed in a box of twelve for a lucky customer at the front of the line or is grabbed and handed to the next person in line.

Yup, that's right, everyone who goes to Krispy Kreme gets a free doughnut. You think

it's a good deal, but if it inspires you to pony up for an extra dozen, it's a good deal for them. Doughnuts cost 80 to 90 cents each and about \$6 or \$7 per dozen, and they're worth every penny. No need to be dunkin' these in coffee; they taste quite all right just by themselves.

Believe it or not, a gas station about 200 yards away had a

small Dunkin' Donuts shop inside with a sign that read "Now Open!" Maybe it'll be having its liquidation sale in a week because I don't know how it expects to have any business at all.

And yes, I'd have to say I'm one of those people who agree that the best time to eat a Krispy Kreme doughnut is hot off the press, when, if you hold it too tightly, it squishes and falls right apart. The flavors in the other more exotic doughnuts are also excellent — the swimmer I was with adores a particular chocolate, and I think he had enough original glazed ones that he might have to swim for three straight weeks to maintain his figure.

Krispy Kreme doughnuts are not new; the company was founded on July 13, 1937 by Vernon Rudolph, who opened the first shop in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, thirteen years before Dunkin' Donuts was founded. Today, it has a couple hundred shops throughout the country and even a few internationally, though it is still dwarfed by Dunkin' Donuts, its main competitor, which has more than 5000 worldwide.

But, as the old adage goes, quality over quantity. Except once you drive all the way to the Krispy Kreme shop in Medford — currently the only one in Massachusetts — you'll want to bring home a nice, large quantity of these delicious doughnuts.



A Krispy Kreme employee stops to smile while giving free doughnuts to anxiously awaiting customers.

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## BOOK REVIEW

# Breaking the Puzzle Apart

## Mystery Novel Sheds Light on Autism

By Carolyn Johnson

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

By Mark Haddon

240 pages, Doubleday, \$22.95

**M**ark Haddon's *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* is "a murder mystery novel" told in prime-numbered chapters by 15-year-old Christopher John Francis Boone. Christopher understands complicated math and physics, thinks intelligently about the universe, and sees and remembers everything.

He is curious in all senses of the word. He is a smart, funny, self-aware narrator who also happens to be a clueless and overly serious person, completely detached from the natural logic of human existence. Christopher finds human emotion perplexing, foreign, and false. He screams if he is touched. He only eats red foods. He factors complicated quadratic equations in his head, for fun. He never wonders about what goes on in other people's minds.

As the publicity blitzkrieg accompanying the book has informed readers, Christopher is not just peculiar; he is autistic. Christopher's inadvertently poignant and hilarious observa-

tions reveal the strange, haunting silliness of human life in a way that yields great insight for its readers, rather than lording omniscience over its audience.

In the first pages, Christopher finds the neighbor's dog, Wellington, lying in the yard and impaled by a pitchfork. He calmly removes the fork, picks up the dripping dog, and hugs Wellington tightly. "I stroked Wellington and wondered who had killed him, and why." The game is afoot. Christopher, we learn, is writing this book in order to chronicle his discoveries as he investigates the suspicious murder.

Christopher is a perfectly impassive, emotionally uninvolved detective. He faces problems and clues as if they are arithmetic problems that can be definitely solved, even when they are deeply intertwined with his own life story. He trains his probing, analytical mind on himself through much of the book, revealing what he likes best about the world (the color red, melted raspberry milkshakes, Minesweeper) and what is incomprehensible (jokes, emotions, lies) in a humorous, matter-of-fact tone. Investigation appeals to his logical, deterministic mind. And though he is mentally incapable of lies, jokes, or feeling, his version of events is flawed, funny, and sad.

Christopher is painstakingly honest

throughout his account, but his version of reality is faithful only to the most superficial level of "truth." He does not understand subtexts: what people may mean when they say something untrue or the ways in which words signify emotion. At one point, his angry father asks him, "Holy fucking Jesus, Christopher. How stupid are you?" and all Christopher can think is, "This is what ... is called a rhetorical question. It has a question mark at the end, but you are not meant to answer it because the person who is asking it already knows the answer. It is difficult to spot a rhetorical question."

The mystery of the dog (and of Christopher's character) is unraveled in short, charming chapters that bounce along in a charismatic prose that is fortified by an effortlessly laid platform of underlying seriousness. Although his father has told Christopher that his mother is dead, detective work reveals a hidden pile of letters detailing her life in London with another man. Christopher recoils violently. What the reader sees as confused selfishness and a misguided attempt to protect his son is, in the eyes of Christopher, the work of an untrustworthy murderer.

Christopher sets off in search of his mother, and navigates the London Underground in a harrowing set of scenes. His inability to process too much data at once leaves him

confused and afraid as he huddles in the corner of the busy train station. A clinical explanation might reduce the experience to a weird montage of symptoms, merely aspects of autism. But Haddon writes with humanity, and Christopher's condition becomes interesting not for its strangeness, but for the familiarity and empathy that we feel for his confusion.

But Christopher isn't a delicate victim of his disease. He's a deadpan, brutal investigator who turns an acute, focused eye on volatile, upsetting material. In one haunting chapter, he details a favorite post-apocalyptic dream in which a virus wipes out people who communicate with one another, leaving only people who don't look you in the eye — a world populated by a few rare people who "are like okapi in the jungle in the Congo, which are a kind of antelope and very shy and rare." The book is brutish and charming and, in the end, honest about the way this very strange family tries to fit their very separate lives together.

Everyday life takes on a whole different configuration when seen through Christopher's mind. Reality is presented in great detail, but is somehow unreal. Seeing it this way is both startling and compelling; it adds depth to the aspects that are less faithfully developed.

As Christopher says, "A thing is interesting because of thinking about it and not because of being new." Christopher's careful and uniquely unemotional stream of attention bring the incidents of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* to life in a way that most fiction, weighed down by emotional reality, never accomplishes.

## WUH WUH WUH

# CatPrin: Web Site of the Week

## Quirky Japanese Site Shows You How to Dress Up Your Cat

By Fred Choi

STAFF WRITER

*The World Wide Web can seem like an infinite place, even for the experienced surfer. But fear not! Every week FWC will be your friendly guide to the indispensable and the disposable, the ponderous and the quirky, the enlightening or the just plain goofy corners of Al Gore's Internet. So hop onto the superhighway and awaaaay we go!*

**T**he site of the week further confirms how weird Japanese people are. (No offense to our Japanese readers, but any culture that eats raw fish, has vending machines that sell socks, and comes up with the most pointless "pet" since pet rocks has got to rate high on the subjective weirdness scale).

Introducing ... CatPrin (<http://www.petoffice.co.jp/catprin/english>), "a tailor for cats." CatPrin offers a fashionable line of clothes and accessories for your favorite feline companion, including ensembles to transform your cat into a duck, frog, sheep, rabbit, leopard, or Anne of Green Gables (complete with red curls, of course). If animals aren't your thing, you can also order a "lady's blouse," "gentleman's shirt and tie," "schoolgirl's collar," and "dalmation tippet" (i.e., shoulder cape).

Many of the items come in several colors and most fit animals with heads between 22 to 28 cm with velcro. Prices range from 2300 to 4000 yen, or about \$20 to \$33. Even if you don't own a cat, the site is worth going to for the descriptions — "A very cute and humorous package to transform your cat into a frog! There is a flipper attached to the neck. These

froggy looks surely make you laugh. Don't laugh too much or SHE might get sulky." — or for the photos of cats modeling the outfits, with the most long-suffering expressions you've ever seen.

CatPrin is part of PetOffice, a larger site, <http://www.petoffice.co.jp>, which services all of your pet needs. Outfits for dogs are available to show support for your favorite baseball team. PetOffice even sells a "Meowlingual," product that, like the earlier product, "Bowlingual," gives you the power to communicate with your furry, four-footed friend. Warning: using Meowlingual while trying to dress your cat up with outfits from CatPrin may lead to language not suitable for children.

To submit a site that you think the world should know about, e-mail [wuhwuhwuh@tech.mit.edu](mailto:wuhwuhwuh@tech.mit.edu).

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This message is brought to you by the International Association of Fire Fighters. **Harold A. Schaitberger**, General President

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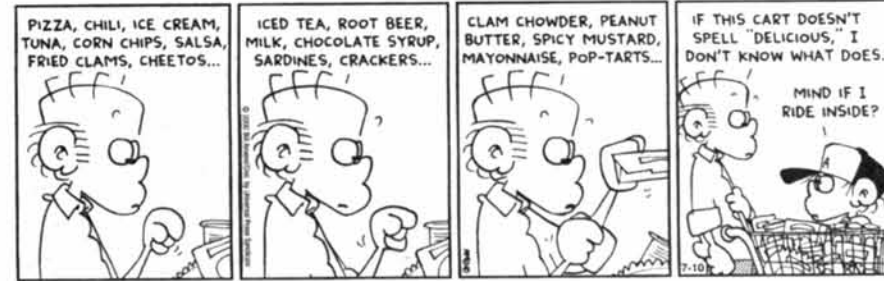
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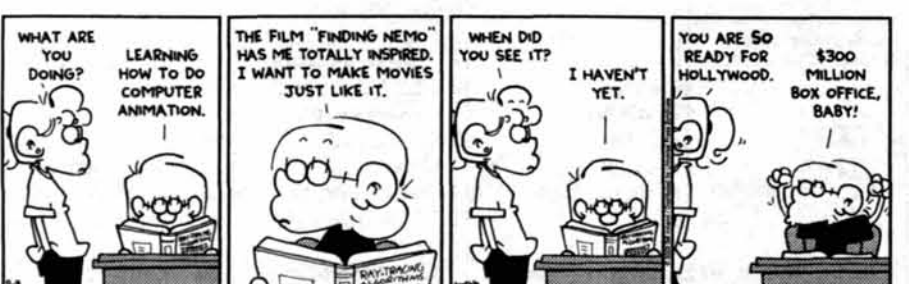
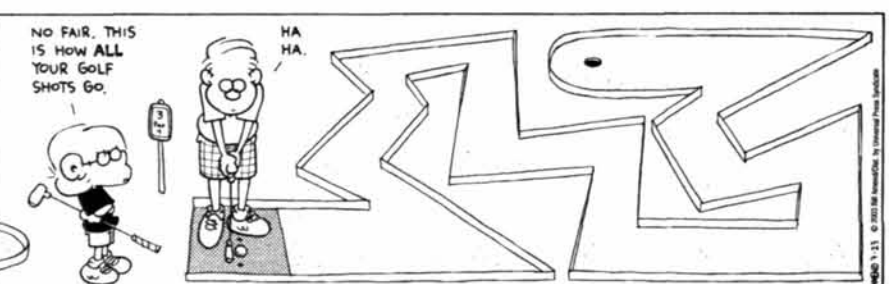
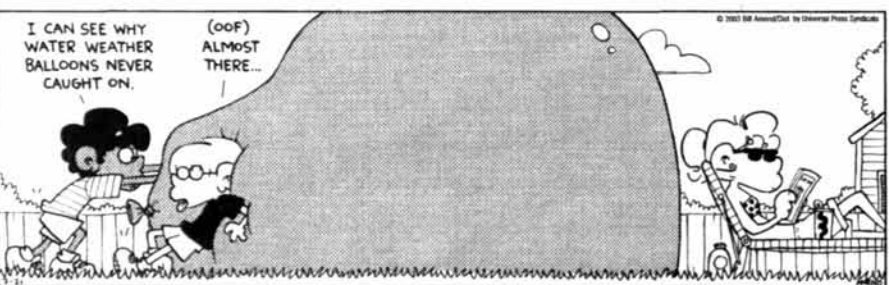
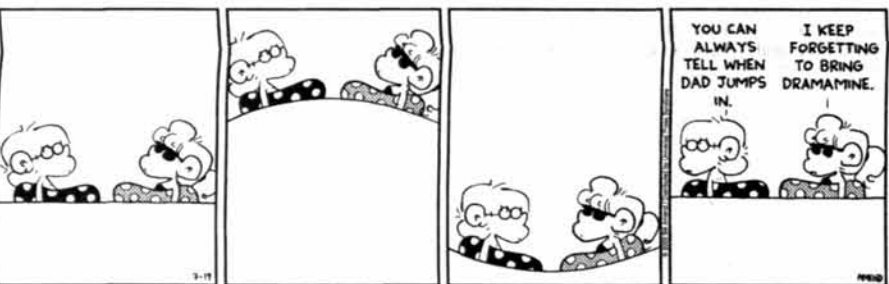
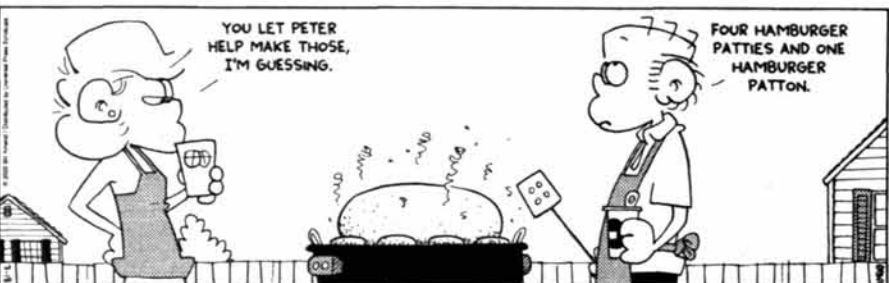
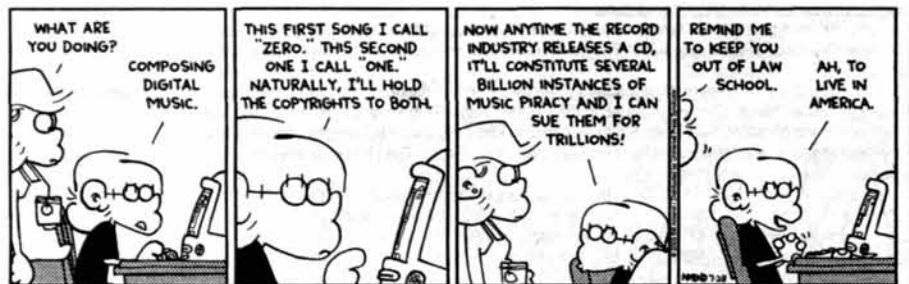
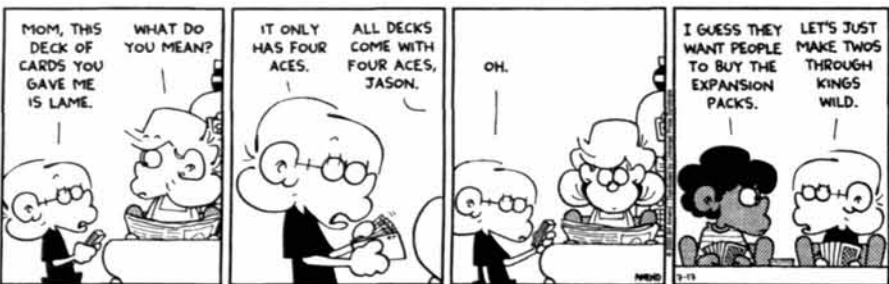
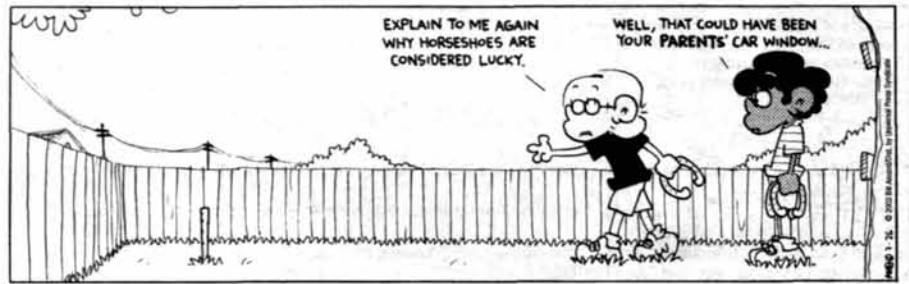
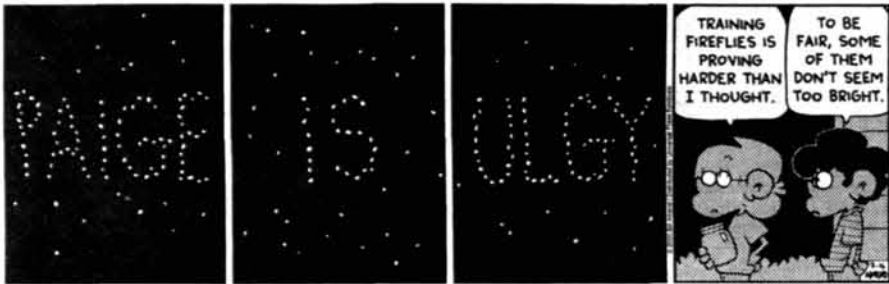
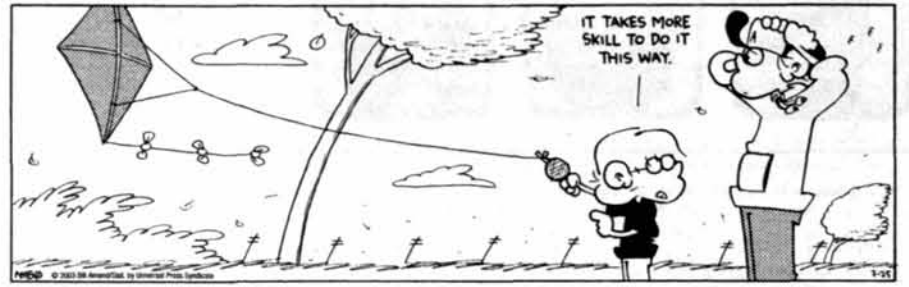
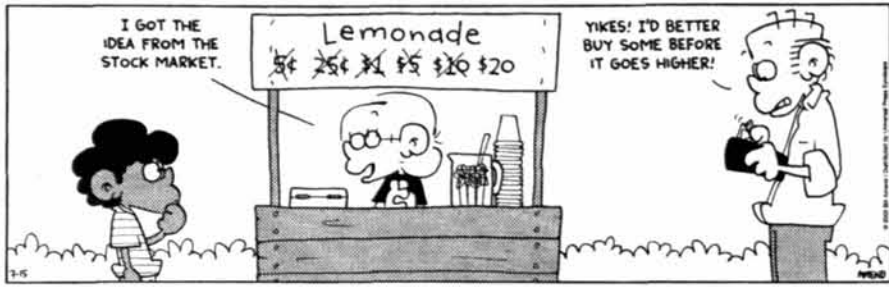
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# FoxTrot

by Bill Amend





# Events Calendar

Visit and add events to Events Calendar online at <http://events.mit.edu>

### Wednesday, August 6

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. – **Admissions Office Information Session.** Admissions Office Information Session is held in Building 6, in Room 6-120. Enter MIT at the main entrance, 77 Massachusetts Ave (domed building with tall pillars). Proceed all the way down the center corridor to the very end and take a right. Proceed a short distance down this next corridor and room 6-120 will be on the right. Following the Admissions Information Session is a Student Led Campus Tour which begins in Building 6, outside Room 6-120. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations.. free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. – **Campus Tour.** Student Led Campus Tours are approximately 90 minutes long and provide a general overview of the main campus. Please note that campus tours do not visit laboratories, living groups or buildings under construction. Groups over 15 people need to make special reservations. Campus tours start at the conclusion of the Admissions Informations Session. The Campus Tour begins in Building 6, Room 6-120 . free. Room: Building 6 , Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – **Dreamweaver Quick Start.** Dreamweaver is a powerful tool for creating and managing complex web sites. This session introduces users to the Dreamweaver interface and gives a brief overview of web publishing practices at MIT.. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. – **Admissions Office Information Session.** free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

2:45 p.m. – **Campus Tour.** free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – **Academic Career Panel #4.** Fourth in a series of panels on the Academic Life and Career. Today's topic is Balancing Family Life and an Academic Career. Refreshments to be served.. free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Provost's Office, Career Services Office.

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. – **Balancing Family and an Academic Career.** Professional Development Series: Fourth lecture in the Academic Careers series. This lecture focuses on the problems faced when trying to have a family and push ahead as a profession.

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. – **GSC General Council Meeting.** Room: GSC Office, Walker Memorial (Bldg. 50) Room 220. Sponsor: GSC Meetings.

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – **Bible Study.** Weekly Bible study held by the Baptist Student Fellowship.. free. Sponsor: Baptist Student Fellowship, Baptist Campus Ministry.

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – **TMRC Build Time.** These are our normal meeting times, when we build the layout!. free. Room: N52-118. Sponsor: Tech Model Railroad Club (TMRC).

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – **Mac Tech Group.** Meeting of the Mac Tech Group to discuss general Macintosh development.. free. Room: E51-395. Sponsor: MIT User Groups.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – **IFILM Film Seminar (War and Peace, part I).** Screening of a movie followed by a discussion. Light refreshments provided. More information (including movie titles) on our web site.. free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: International Film Club.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – **Weekly Wednesdays.** Free wings and an assortment of vegetables, sponsored by various departments, residences and affinity groups, are provided in the Muddy Charles Pub for graduate students to enjoy while catching up with friends and making new ones. Students can also enjoy the cheap beverages (including many non-alcoholic options), Red Sox on the DirecTV, and (new) wireless internet access.. free. Room: The Muddy Charles Pub. Sponsor: GSC Activities. many sponsors - see web site for listing.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – **Israeli Folk Dancing (participatory).** Israeli Folk Dancing Early Teaching at 8:00 PM, followed by teaching and requests until 11PM. Beginners are always welcome. Family dancing occurs from 7-8 p.m. each week. Great for kids of ALL ages! For up-to-date announcements about each week's dance, see our <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mitfdc/messages>>Yahoo Group. Free for MIT students; donations welcome. Room: Lobby 13. Sponsor: Folk Dance Club.

8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. – **Swing Dancing.** No partner required. Beginners welcome.. free. Room: Student Center 2nd floor. Sponsor: Lindy Hop Society.

### Thursday, August 7

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. – **Admissions Office Information Session.** free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. – **Campus Tour.** free. Room: Building 6 , Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – **Weight Watchers at Work!** free. Room: Women's Lounge-Room 8-219. Sponsor: Weight Watchers.

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. – **Admissions Office Information Session.** free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

2:45 p.m. – **Campus Tour.** free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

6:03 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – **Weekly meetings.** Regular meeting of the core group at muddy charles. free. Room: Muddy Charles. Sponsor: Techlink.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – **IFILM film seminar (War and Peace, part II).** free. Room: 4-237. Sponsor: International Film Club.

9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – **Coffee Hour.** Food and drink - an Ashdown tradition. free. Room: Hulsizer Room (W1). Sponsor: Ash-down House.

10:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. – **Movie Night.** Movie and food - free for all!. free. Room: Big TV Room (W1). Sponsor: Ashdown House.

11:59 p.m. – **Campus Disc Golf.** Do you like tossing a disc? Do you enjoy friendly competition? Or if you're just up for midnight antics, then come on out! Meet outside the Student Center on the front steps, and don't forget to bring a disc! Don't hesitate to come, newcomers are always welcomed - We meet every Thursday at midnight. Questions, contact Daniel Turek, [macgyver@mit.edu](mailto:macgyver@mit.edu).. bring your own disc!. Room: Student Center steps. Sponsor: Campus Disc Golf.

### Friday, August 8

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. – **Admissions Office Information Session.** free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. – **Campus Tour.** free. Room: Building 6 , Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – **Writers Group.** New writers are invited to join our weekly Writers Group (sponsored by the Writing and Communication Center). Share a piece of your writing with other interested and supportive writers. Open to all MIT students, staff, faculty, and spouses . free. Room: 14N-417. Sponsor: Writing and Communication Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – **FileMaker Pro Quick Start.** This class introduces users to the FileMaker environment and its functions using an existing database as a model.. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

12:00 p.m. – **Special MIT Astrophysics Colloquium: PETER KAHABKA.** Luminous X-ray sources in nearby galaxies as probes of star formation and stellar evolution. free. Room: MIT Center for Space Research, Room 37-187. Sponsor: Astro-physics.

1:10 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. – **Muslim Friday Prayer.** Weekly congregational prayer for Muslims. People of other faiths welcome to attend. Email [msa-ec@mit.edu](mailto:msa-ec@mit.edu) for more information.. free. Room: W11-110. Sponsor: Muslim students' Association.

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. – **Admissions Office Information Session.** free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

2:45 p.m. – **Campus Tour.** free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. – **SSL Seminar (Soon-Jo Chung).** Topic: Demonstration of the ARGOS Control System Tracking an Artificial Star. free. Room: 37-212. Sponsor: AeroAstro.

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – **CEHS Friday Forum.** The Center for Environmental Health Sciences offers monthly socializing with refreshments and a brief talk, for scientists, researchers and students. Come and "talk science!". free. Room: Building 56-614. Sponsor: Center for Environmental Health Sciences.

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – **Underwater Hockey.** The MIT SCUBA Club invites all to participate in Underwater Hockey. Underwater Hockey is an exciting co-ed sport played at the bottom of a pool with a short stick and a lead puck. . free. Room: Z-Pool. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Scuba Club, Undergraduate Association.

7:00 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. – **MIT Anime Club: Lina Universe, the madcap RPG world of "Slayers".** For the summer we'll be showing all the movies and all the episodes of all the various "Slayers" TV series. These series are loosely based on an RPG world, and center on the comic (mis)adventures of the hot-tempered sorceress, Lina Inverse, and her various travelling companions. While there's something of a continuing story in the form of various quests, you can drop in anytime, they're always fun.. free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Anime Club, MIT.

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – **Bible Study.** Is there more to life than grad school? We believe the answer is "YES!". Come study the word of God with us. There will be dinner provided and games afterward.. free. Room: 3-343. Sponsor: Asian Baptist Student Koloinia Graduate Division, GSC Funding Board.

8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. – **Sangam Movies.** Screening of popular movies. Please subscribe to [sangam-request@mit.edu](mailto:sangam-request@mit.edu). free. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sangam.

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### Saturday, August 9

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. – **Harbor Islands Excursion.** Join your fellow graduate students for a day at the Boston Harbor Islands. The islands feature historic ruins like Fort Warren, sandy and rocky beaches, and a beautiful view. A ferry departing near the New England Aquarium will take you to Georges Island. From Georges Island, you can take a water taxi (free of charge) to a number of smaller islands which also feature historical ruins, beaches, wildlife preserves and picturesque hiking. Pack a lunch or eat at the snack bar on George's Island. Leave the New England Aquarium at 10am. Back when you wish; no later than 7pm. Tickets can be bought for \$7 the day of the trip with online coupons available at: <http://www.bostonharborcruises.com/contactus/coupons.htm>. \$7 w/ coupon. Room: Boston Harbor Islands. Sponsor: Sidney-Pacific House Council, Graduate Association of Mechanical Engineers.

2:00 p.m. – **Happy Birthday, Wanda June.** Kurt Vonnegut play. \$10, \$8 other students, MIT community & senior citizens, \$6 MIT/Wellesley students. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: MIT Community Players.

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. – **Sacco e Vanzetti.** (1971 120min) In 1921, two Italian immigrants were tried for the murders of two payroll guards during a robbery near Boston. Because the two Italians were anarchists, their political beliefs overshadowed the trial and made them into an international cause celebre. Their conviction led to ayears-long fight to prove their trial had been unfair and that someoneelse had committed the crimes. Eventually they became martyrs for their cause, and their guilt or innocence is still hotly debated to this day.. free. Room: 4-231. Sponsor: MIT Social Justice Cooperative.

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8:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. – **Sangam Movie Special.** Movie Screenings. Emails are typically sent out if you subscribe to [sangam-request@mit.edu](mailto:sangam-request@mit.edu). free. Room: 2-105. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, Sangam.

8:00 p.m. – **The Importance of Being Earnest.** Shakespeare Ensemble low-tech production of Oscar Wilde play. Directed by Kay Sullivan and Abby Spinak. . TBD. Room: Rm 35-225. Sponsor: Shakespeare Ensemble.

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8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – **Patrol.** Travel to strange new classrooms. Meet interesting, unusual people, and kill them! Patrol is a high-action game of live combat with rubber-dart guns. Shoot your friends, then watch out as they try to take their revenge.. free. Room: 36-115. Sponsor: Assassins' Guild, MIT.

### Sunday, August 10

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. – **Catholic Mass.** free. Room: MIT Chapel. Sponsor: Tech Catholic Community.

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – **S&P Sunday Brunch.** Sunday Brunch at Sydney Pacific Graduate Dorm! Open to all graduate students, featuring fruits, pancakes, eggs, and a variety of additional delicious breakfast foods!. free. Room: S&P Multipurpose Room. Sponsor: Sidney-Pacific House Council, GSC Funding Board. Sydney & Pacific Housemasters.

2:00 p.m. – **The Importance of Being Earnest.** Shakespeare Ensemble low-tech production of Oscar Wilde play. Directed by Kay Sullivan and Abby Spinak. . TBD. Room: Rm 35-225. Sponsor: Shakespeare Ensemble.

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8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. – **International Folk Dancing (participatory).** International folk dancing. Teaching and beginners' dances from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. A mixture of all skill levels from 9:00 to 11:00. Occasional live music. Note: We will move across the hall to La Sala de Puerto Rico (also on the second floor of the Student Center) if it is available.. free; donations welcome. Room: Student Center Lobdell Dining Hall. Sponsor: Folk Dance Club.

### Monday, August 11

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – **You Go Girl.** Four day hands on science program for girls entering 9th grade.. donation of \$30.00 to cover materials. Room: Edgerton Center, 4-402. Sponsor: Edgerton Center, Center for Environmental Health Sciences.

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. – **Admissions Office Information Session.** free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. – **Campus Tour.** Room: Building 6 , Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – **Jelly Talk.** Title: TBA. free. Room: Ida Green Lounge, Green Building. Sponsor: WHOI Student Organization.

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. – **Admissions Office Information Session.** free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

2:45 p.m. – **Campus Tour.** free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – **Argentine Tango Beginner Class.** Argentine Tango for Beginners Taught by Eray Yuksek of Bailatango ([www.bailatango.com/boston](http://www.bailatango.com/boston)) Class followed by 2 hours of practica open to Cambridge community.. Room: Lobdell Cafeteria, 2nd floor of Student Center. Sponsor: Argentine Tango Club.

9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. – **Trivia Night at the Thirsty Ear.** Every Monday is Trivia Night. Bring a team and compete for great prizes like DVDs, CDs, sports tickets, movie passes, gift certificates, and MORE!! The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the basement of Ashdown House. Enter through the courtyard. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: Graduate Student Council, The Thirsty Ear Pub.

### Tuesday, August 12

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – **You Go Girl.** donation of \$30.00 to cover materials. Room: Edgerton Center, 4-402. Sponsor: Edgerton Center, Center for Environmental Health Sciences.

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. – **Admissions Office Information Session.** free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

10:45 a.m. – **Campus Tour.** free. Room: Building 6 , Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. – **Mac OS X Quick Start.** "For newcomers to Mac OS X, preview some of its useful features — network and printer setup and file management with the OS X Finder. Take a look at applications that run "native" in OS X. Get answers to your questions about OS X and updates on the status of support for OS X at MIT.".. Room: N42 Demo Center. Sponsor: Information Systems.

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. – **Admissions Office Information Session.** free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

2:45 p.m. – **Campus Tour.** free. Room: Building 6, Room 6-120. Sponsor: Information Center.

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – **the mit e-club weekly tuesday meeting.** the regular weekly tuesday meeting of the mit entrepreneurs club, aka: the e-club, an mit service organisation, where students, faculty, staff and alum gather to pitch, hear, crit and discuss their new science and technology start-up ideas, network, build 50k or independent founders' teams, and more; stay for our mit 6-credit seminar sem.095 on tech start-ups (sem.089 in fall term).. free. Room: 56-114. Sponsor: Entrepreneurs Club.

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – **Boston Chapter, Market Technicians Association.** Boston Chapter meeting of the Market Technicians Association. free. Room: E51-345. Sponsor: MIT User Groups.

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. – **Boston PDA User Group.** Meeting of the Boston PDA User Group (BOSPDAUG). free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: MIT User Groups.

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – **Boston Voice User Group.** Meeting of the Boston Voice User Group.. free. Room: 2-132. Sponsor: MIT User Groups.

8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. – **Contra Dance for all.** Caller: Ann Cowan. Dance with a partner (we'll provide) and a group to jazzy live music. All dances taught; all skill levels welcome. Contra Dance is a traditional American form of folk dancing, directed by a caller and accompanied by exciting live music. It uses easy-to-learn walking steps. You dance with a partner, changing partners each dance, in a line of couples called a 'set' and interacting with your partner and all the other couples in a big group-theoretic pattern. A caller first explains each dance in a 'walk-through' and then continues to prompt you during the dance. Light refreshments are served at the break halfway through. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday.. MIT students free; other students \$3; non-students \$5. Room: Stratton Student Center: Lobdell Dining Hall. Sponsor: Folk Dance Club. Music for Robin.

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## Crossword Puzzle

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### ACROSS

- Spoke roughly
- Those expressing agreement
- Plaza Hotel girl
- Ancient Jewish sect member
- "Little Women" author
- Counterstrokes
- Test subject
- La \_\_ (Milan opera house)
- Zsa Zsa's sibling
- Shoots for grafting
- Pipe part
- Points of pens
- Long sandwiches
- Before, to a poet
- Material for veils

### 33 Main meal

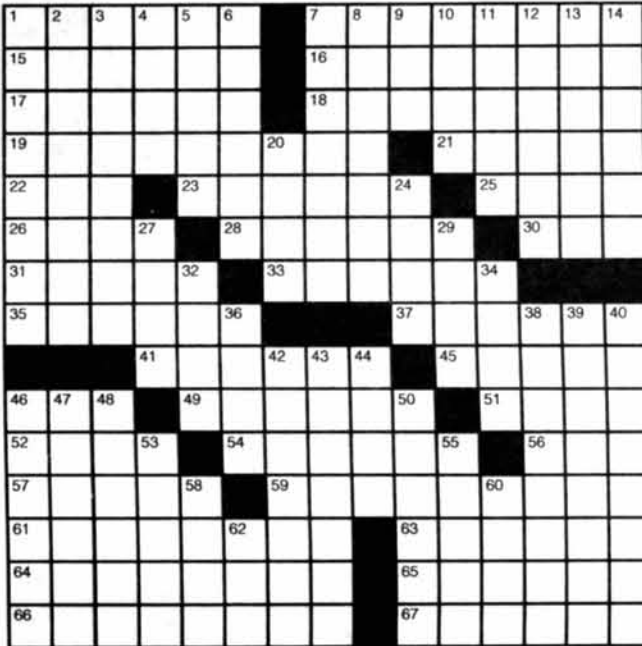
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- Chirps
- Fragments
- Doughnut in a trunk
- Liveliness
- Heat-resistant material
- Nightly twinkler
- State of Jazz
- Tricksters
- Current unit, briefly
- Mortise's partner
- Easily annoyed
- Extend across
- Type of talk show
- Makes tangled
- Familiarize with new
- surroundings
- Property agents

### 67 Makes fun of DOWN

- Litmus paper and methylene blue
- River deposit
- Convivial
- Short-lived elementary particle
- Senator Kefauver
- Disengage
- Deductive
- Knot at the nape
- Maximum limit
- Piccadilly Circus statue
- Harrow elements
- Will contents
- Winding machine
- Open \_\_!
- \_\_ Piper
- Transmitted
- Sharp rebuke

### 29 Stitches

- Guitarist Clapton
- Agts.
- Kernel
- Food
- Streetcar route
- Slithering hissers
- Squad car
- Female ruler
- Clairvoyant
- Golfer on the green
- Ageless, in poems
- Jipijapa hat
- Ribbed cloth
- Wretched dwelling
- Gaze fixedly
- Viper collective
- Inter \_\_ (among other things)
- 17th Greek letter





# DeBergalis, Smith to Run Against Nine Incumbents

Council, from Page 1

enced by her role as one of the campus's most outspoken activists. Smith, a Course III (Materials Science and Engineering) graduate, hopes to "create community that is going to be able to make demands for change" by running for council. Smith's platform includes support for rent control, protection of immigrant rights, and an increased focus on the influence of universities on the city.

All nine incumbent councillors have announced their intention to run for reelection, making the task of these recent students seeking office in a city often openly hostile to the universities it hosts even more difficult.

However, Cambridge's proportional representation system of voting guarantees that any minority group of a sufficient size can elect a representative. Students, should they defy historical trends and turn out at the polls, easily constitute

such a group. Slightly more than 1,700 first-place votes were necessary for election to the city council in the last election; more than 10,000 graduate and undergraduate students are enrolled at MIT alone.

The last recent or current MIT students to run for the council were Erik Snowberg '99, who received 429 first-place votes in 1999 and finished as the 13th most popular candidate and Steven Jens '98, who received 278 first-place votes in 2001 running on a libertarian platform.

## DeBergalis Pushes Bikes, Housing

Asked about his campaign issues, Matthew S. DeBergalis '99 mentions bicycle safety first. He favors a "give and take on both sides." Bikers would be required to display a rear light (only a front-facing light is currently required; cyclists may display a light or reflector on the rear of the bike) while enforcement of cars in bicycle lanes would be stepped up.

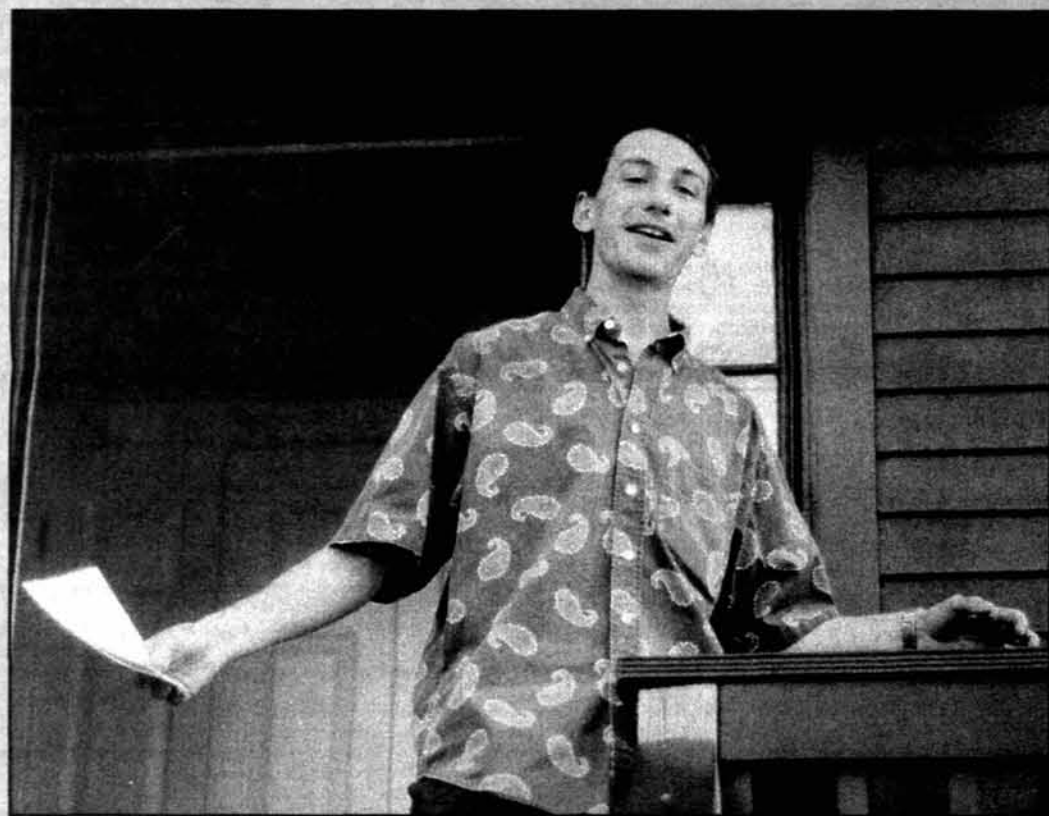
Affordable housing is a perpetual and ubiquitous issue in recent council campaigns, but DeBergalis takes a unique view as a recent student. "It's a shame for both Cambridge and MIT" that the Institute charges near market rates for graduate housing, he said. The city should push MIT to lower the cost of graduate housing, he said.

DeBergalis also hopes to influence the Cambridge Licensing Commission, which in recent years has made its influence felt at fraternities and other MIT living groups by meting out what many consider to be harsh punishments following infractions.

Kappa Sigma's housing license was suspended for 30 days during rush in 2000 following an alcohol incident. While DeBergalis said that he doesn't "disagree with most of what [the CLC has] done," students currently don't have any influence on the licensing process, he said. Having a student on the council would make students a "legitimate participant," he said.

DeBergalis' campaign strategy is aimed at bringing students to the polls in large numbers. The campaign plans to assign workers to each living group at MIT and Harvard to register voters and encourage them to come to the polls on election day, he said.

While DeBergalis is focused on students, he hopes to be "viewed by the other eight [councillors] as a legitimate councillor." I "want to be considered a Cantabrigian," he said. DeBergalis owns his house in Cambridgeport and has lived in Cambridge since 1999 off-campus, or, as he said, in a "civilian facility."



Matthew S. DeBergalis '99, nomination papers in hand, addresses supporters at the kick-off event for his campaign for Cambridge City Council.

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## Smith Would Bring Activism to Council

Aimee L. Smith PhD '02 makes a distinction between MIT's leadership and its student body. MIT is a large corporation, she said, and students have a lot more in common with the citizens of Cambridge than with MIT's leaders. Students "shouldn't be pitted against" the community.

Like many candidates for Cambridge city council, Smith is critical of the power universities wield over the city. Universities "decide whether we live in an industrial park or a vibrant environment," she said.

Smith plans to target groups that do not vote in large numbers, especially students. The campaign is about "energizing people who don't traditionally vote," she said. The campaign hopes to attract a wide range of students, she said, except those who are "happy with corporate rule."

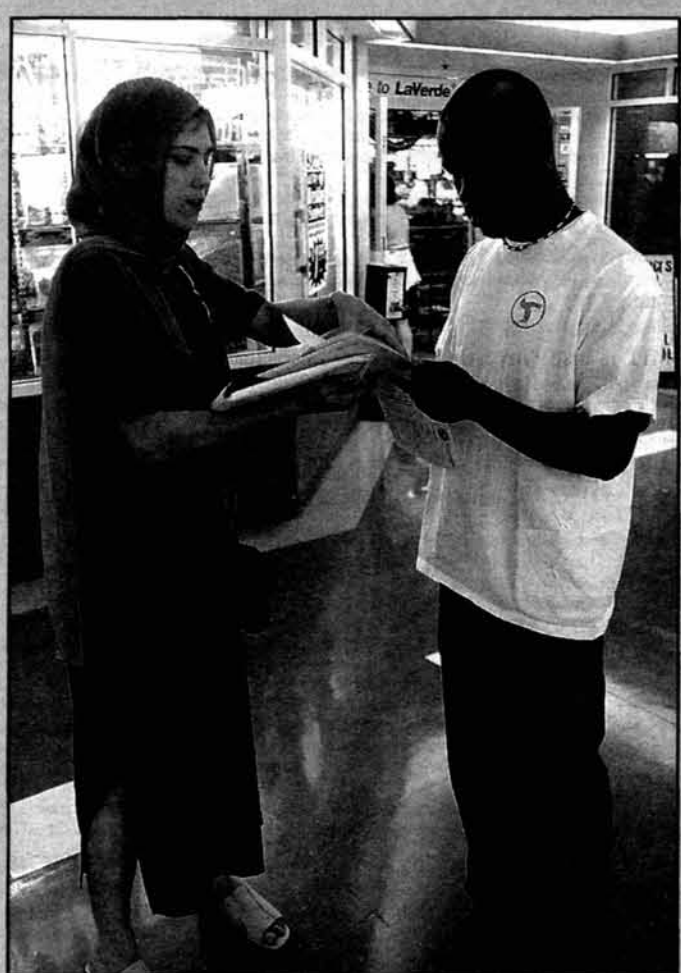
Smith is a vocal campus activist and the themes of her activism color her election campaign. While collecting nomination signatures in the student center and wearing a Muslim headdress Smith talked about her view on constitutional rights: by "chipping away here with an immigrant ... you undermine them for everyone," she said.

Smith would reinstate the Cambridge Police Review and Advisory Board. The board, which hears citizen complaints against police officers, includes only one member; four seats are vacant.

Asked about her position on MIT's on-campus nuclear reactor, Smith said that she has a "deep, deep concern about the hubris that we technologists display." "Certain kinds of risks are taken without the consent of the community," she said. Mankind needs to think on a longer time scale "if we want to continue as a species."

Smith characterizes her approach to politics as "action connected with electoralism." She promotes a combination of direct action, including protest, ballot initiatives, lobbying, and seeking office directly.

Smith said that she supports the campaign of DeBergalis: "I'm very happy to have him run," she said.



Aimee L. Smith PhD '02 collects one of the 50 nomination signatures she needs to be placed on the ballot for Cambridge City Council from R. Erich Caulfield G, president of the Graduate Student Council.

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# TDC Gives DHCP Logs to MIT, Unclear if User's Identity Within

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for information systems, so MIT could not initially identify the user or even the computer's owner.

But MIT decided against telling the RIAA that it is unable to identify the user because the fraternity, not MIT, has assigned the address to an individual user, Bruce said.

Instead, MIT asked TDC to provide it with logs from the computer, known as a DHCP server, that had assigned the address to a particular computer.

The DMCA requires Internet service providers to identify a computer's user based on such a request "to the extent such information is available to the service provider."

"The conversation that we had with TDC was, 'If you provide us the logs, then we can act legitimately,'" Bruce said.

"If you do not provide us the logs, then ... once we get a legitimate subpoena the only recourse we have is to point to you," Bruce recalled MIT saying to TDC.

Under those circumstances, "they made the choice to give us the logs," Bruce said.

It is unclear whether those logs go back far enough to identify the person whose computer held the disputed IP address on June 27.

TDC's officers did not return repeated requests for comment.

## MIT to require FSILGs to give logs

As a result of the matter, MIT will revise its agreements with fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups — for whom MIT provides free high-speed Internet access — "to say that they will need to provide us the logs on reasonable demand," Bruce said.

MIT is also "investigating the creation of explicit policies and agreements" to govern whether FSILGs should be able to run their own DHCP servers and assign their own IP addresses in the future, and considering establishing "clearly defined consequences" for failing to keep records up-to-date of what users control what addresses, wrote Timothy J. McGovern, a senior project manager for Information Systems. "The details are still being worked out," he wrote.

The changes and proposed changes to make MIT able to better identify users of its IP addresses met with some concern. "It seems unlikely that these changes will benefit MIT in its educational or research mission, or significantly improve the MIT computing infrastructure," wrote Richard S. Tibbetts G, an officer of the Student Information Processing Board.

"I believe that the decision of whether we should change the fundamental architecture of our network so we can always know who's using it, which may, by the way, add significant burden, ... that's a decision the community has to make," said Jeffrey I. Schiller '79, MIT's network manager. "I think that's a community decision and should be made that way," he said.

## MIT, RIAA sue each other

MIT has not yet responded to the RIAA subpoena, delivered in early July, because MIT believes the subpoena was issued through the wrong court and did not give MIT enough time to inform the network user.

As part of the DMCA's subpoena procedure, a copyright owner must obtain the signature of a clerk of a federal district court. MIT and Boston College have asserted in motions filed in Boston against the RIAA that the court whose clerk signed the RIAA's subpoenas — the federal district court in Washington, D.C. — did not have jurisdiction over the schools in Massachusetts, making the subpoenas invalid.

Because the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, known as FERPA, requires that a school only release student "education records" in response to a "lawfully issued subpoena," MIT and BC argue they are barred from voluntarily releasing a student's name in response to subpoenas they say are invalid, and that any subpoena must give the schools enough time — a few days — to notify a student that their records will be disclosed and give the student a chance to contest the release of information.

In a response to the MIT and BC motions in Boston, and in four separate lawsuits filed in Washington against the schools, the RIAA argues that the DMCA grants the Washington court jurisdiction to issue a subpoena to the schools, that students have had plenty of time to be notified, and that the names of students with particular IP addresses are not "education records" under FERPA.

MIT's argument that the names of students corresponding to IP addresses may constitute "education records" appears inconsistent with Information Systems' practice, which is to allow anyone at MIT to see the owner of a dormitory IP address through the "stella" tool on Athena.

"We probably should look at that," Bruce said. "No one has raised that question."

## Expert says cases, DMCA unclear

Neither side's arguments are obviously compelling, said Michael J. Remington, a Washington attorney who was chief counsel to the intellectual property subcommittee of the House of Representatives judiciary committee for most of the 1980s.

"There seem to be good issues on both sides," he said. Congress, in enacting the DMCA in 1998, did not clearly specify whether the RIAA's interpretation — that any court may sign a subpoena — or MIT's interpretation — that the RIAA must go to a service provider's local court — is correct, he said.

"If Congress doesn't pass laws with enough clarity," he said, these issues have to be solved by litigation.

"What bothers me about decision-making by litigation is that it

takes lots of money, it's fairly slow, it's subject to appeal, and it doesn't create nationwide uniformity," he said.

## MIT promises to comply

MIT has emphasized that it will release the name of the user — if MIT in fact has the name of the user — if the RIAA sends MIT a subpoena signed by the clerk of the federal district court in Boston giving MIT enough time to respond.

"MIT believes in protecting the privacy of students, and we don't yield information willy-nilly, but the bottom line is ... we can't necessarily protect the identities of our students when they engage in illegal file sharing," Schiller said.

"Nobody is above the law, whether they're a student or a grandparent," Weiss, the RIAA spokeswoman, said. "If they're breaking the law, they're breaking the law."

"My advice to people who are using KaZaA for sharing copyrighted files is, 'Now would be a good time to stop,'" Schiller said.

# Edgerton Damage: \$43,000, MIT Says

By Michael E. Rolish

MIT has made a claim against John Moriarty and Associates, the construction company working on the former Necco factory, for damages to next-door Edgerton House and inconvenience to its residents in the course of construction.

The construction site, leased by the Swiss pharmaceutical firm Novartis, has been undergoing continued renovation. In the spring, pile-driving created very loud noise and vibrations that caused damage to property in Edgerton, students and administrators said.

"The student claims that were submitted total just under \$8,000," said Karen A. Nilsson, Director of Housing. "In addition Edgerton suffered some wall-cracking in the corridors that will require repair and repaint. The cost estimate on this is \$20,000. We also have some cracking problems on the stairwell closest to the construction site with a repair cost estimate of approximately \$15,000."

"We submitted information over a month ago," said David D. Diel G, Edgerton House president. "I calculated roughly \$83 as a base amount that everyone would be able to claim," based on the rent at Edgerton and the amount of time the loudest work took place. He determined that value by multiplying an estimated 90 hours of pile-driving, in which staying in certain Edgerton rooms was unbearable, by a typical rent.

"It was impossible to work or sleep while the room was shaking," Diel said. "They still make a lot of noise, but not of the unbearable magnitude it was."

"Many residents didn't believe MIT would do anything about it," Diel said.

The claims have not yet been settled.

"We continue to work with the company and others to address these claims," Nilsson said.

John Moriarty and Associates did not return repeated calls for comment.

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# Institute Cites Safety Concerns; Flags at Bexley Hall Still Hang

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the safety issue they were concerned about.

"It's not the flag that's the issue, it's hanging anything outside the window of a graduate building," Nilsson said.

Goler's flag, which he first put up in early June, is still hanging from his window. Nilsson said that the Sidney-Pacific house government would get to decide what to do, but that if they decided to allow Goler to continue to fly his flag, she would ask questions about safety.

Krishnan Sriram G, president of Sidney-Pacific, said that the dormitory's policies prohibit any object or posting on any doors or corridors inside the building as well as on the exterior of the building. He said that enforcement was the house manager's role and that the house government was working on better publicizing the policy.

Hampton could not be reached for comment.

## MIT concerned about safety

Nilsson said objects hanging from windows posed a number of safety concerns, and that all objects protruding from windows in MIT dormitories — from flags to air conditioners — must be approved by the house managers of those dormitories.

An object hanging from a window could be flammable, she said, or the wind might cause it to "bang up against the building and cause damage to the building." Or it could "become dislodged, fall, and hurt someone or hit a car."

MIT's housing policies and regulations state that "the use of flammable decorations, including natural evergreens, in any room, corridor, stairwell, lounge, dining hall, lobby and other public areas is prohibited by Massachusetts fire laws."

Gray informed Goler via e-mail on July 3 that "your flag is considered flammable decoration by MIT (flammable decorations include more than just evergreens, and run the spectrum from construction paper to bed sheets)."

"I called the Massachusetts fire marshal and said, 'Is it okay to hang

a flag outside your window?'" Goler said, "and they said, 'Sure, why not?'"

Additionally, the same policies say that "The use of non-flammable decorations must be approved by the House Manager."

Administrators say Goler is free to hang his flag inside his window.

"Those rules ... are certainly not applied to anyone else for flammable objects in public spaces," Goler said. "Keith Hampton has a presumably very flammable dried flower wreath on his door."

## Two Israel flags hang at Bexley

Jonathan Battat '05, a Bexley Hall resident, has two Israeli flags hanging from his windows, which face Massachusetts Avenue.

"That is different [because those have] been reviewed, Nilsson said. They are not 'banging against the window.' And 'ongoing discussions [about them] are still happening.'"

Battat's flags were "approved by the house manager, the housemaster, and the students," Gray said. It "hangs on the window," rather than from the window.

Nilsson and Gray said a process exists for approving banners to be hung on the exteriors of dormitories. This process requires, among other things, that the banner be made flame resistant and that it be approved by the house manager, Gray said. The banner hung at Senior House's annual Steer Roast is approved each year by this process.

## Goler says rules applied selectively

"I think the problem is that Keith Hampton listened to a couple of bigoted students and acted on it," when he should have told them there was nothing he could do about it, Goler said.

"Tony Gray seemed to be covering for Keith," he added.

Goler said even if he were in violation of the rules the administrators are pointing too, these rules are not regularly enforced and that this is a selective application of those rules.

Gray said the rules were enforced regularly, citing as an example Bexley's "I Jerk Off" banner, which is unauthorized and therefore removed

every time it goes up. Dean for Student Life Larry G. Benedict said an anti-war banner was removed from Ashdown House last year for the same reason.

"I don't think that it's being selectively enforced," Gray said.

## Fellow students respond

"The problem boiled down to the fact that the person who was telling Jonathan that his flag had to be removed was doing so as a response to pressure" from the complainant, said Maxim Shusteff G, co-president of the MIT Students for Israel, speaking on his own behalf. "To then talk about the flag as a fire safety issue is ... clearly not addressing the root of" the problem.

"If somebody specifically complains about the fact that there's an Israeli flag and they don't like the fact that they can see it, the official response to that should be 'tough,'" he said.

"If somebody chooses to display the flag of Saudi Arabia, I'm not going to go to the administration," Shusteff said. "I might argue with this person, [or] I might write in to *The Tech*, [but] I don't think I have a right ... to complain to the administration."

Arjun Mendiratta G, a member of the Social Justice Cooperative, said the group saw this as "not so much a free speech issue, [but] more of a community issue."

"If people in the community feel it's offensive," MIT should do something about it, he said.

"MIT has a responsibility to ensure a comfortable living and working environment for all students," Mendiratta said.

"Looking at this as a free speech issue ignores some of the real points that are there," he said.

Sriram, the Sidney-Pacific president, said the ban on publicity materials inside the building was out of respect for fellow residents. He said the prohibition on objects and postings on the exterior of the building was for respect for the neighbors, since the building "interfaces with Cambridgeport."

Keith J. Winstein contributed to the reporting of this story.

# MIT Reporting Only Basic SEVIS Data

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lems included records being deleted or duplicated with partial information, and some students were accidentally associated with the wrong universities.

Colbert credits the staff of the International Students Office and the International Visitors Office for MIT's ability to meet the deadline successfully.

"We started early designing our database to interface with SEVIS," Colbert said. "We're blessed with a very capable staff."

"They've done a remarkable job, as befitting MIT," he said.

International students generally agreed that the SEVIS reporting process was relatively painless. Basel Y. Al-Naffouri G, of Saudi Arabia, found the process trivial. International Students' Association president Sisi Liu '05 agreed, saying that it "didn't give me any trouble."

## Some still missing from system

As of July 31, Colbert said, there was still "a small handful of people we can't find." In cases like this, Colbert said, it may be a student who is missing from the system, or a dependent.

Liu said a lack of understanding of the process on the part of the students may have contributed to these omissions.

She said many students were unaware that once a registration form was requested, it would not arrive for two weeks. Thus, some students applied for forms within two weeks of their scheduled departure date and did not receive them in time.

Additionally, Liu said, the students could use an old form to exit the country, but were required to have a new form in order to return.

While the International Students' Office will try to gather enough information on these individuals to allow them to get a six-month visa, Colbert said, some students who miss the deadline may need to

embark upon a more lengthy process of applying for a visa through the Department of Homeland Security.

Anticipating delayed arrivals by some students because of the visa process, the Graduate Students Office issued a set of guidelines for handling such situations to all departments and laboratories. While the guidelines encourage faculty to exercise all possible administrative devices to allow delayed students to proceed unhindered, they do acknowledge that serious problems may be caused by delays, especially where housing, research funding, and teaching appointments are concerned.

## Minimal information reported

MIT continues to maintain its policy of reporting only the minimum of information required by the government.

"We're not doing anything we don't absolutely have to do," Colbert said. "We're not volunteering anything."

"Anything that's asked for that's not required [by law] is an optional field, and we don't put that in," Colbert said, the international students advisor, said.

A "watchdog group" formed by the Undergraduate Association for the purpose of monitoring MIT's reporting policies appears to be defunct. Graduate Student Council member Christian Struve G said that "as far as I am aware of, the watchdog group is nonexistent for practical purpose on the GSC side."

No undergraduate members of the watchdog group could be reached for comment.

However, Struve was optimistic that MIT followed through with its policy.

"I don't think that MIT students should be worried about what kind of data the ISO submits to SEVIS since Danielle [Guichard-Ashbrook], the director of the ISO, has made it abundantly clear that she will only report what is absolutely required by law."

# Reactor Policy May Shift Following Nap

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locked out — and tried to reach him by radio, by phone, by pager for 25 minutes, according to a letter filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. With the MIT Police on the way, and the partner close to flipping a remote emergency shut-off switch, the operator finally woke up.

University officials, who declined to name the napper, expect a report from the NRC in the next few weeks. In the meantime, said Alice Gast, MIT vice president for research, the facility is considering a number of measures for operators on the overnight shift — including a buzzer in the control room.

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission are reviewing the incident as well as the corrective actions that MIT has already implemented. MIT's own preliminary findings indicate that it was an isolated event.

"MIT has taken several steps while awaiting the results of the NRC review. Pending the outcome of NRC's and MIT's reviews, the operator involved will only be permitted to operate the reactor controls when there is a second licensed operator present in the control room. Whenever any console operator is alone in the control room, that person will be required to communicate at approximately 30-minute intervals with another member of the reactor staff."



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# I/S Delays New House, Next House Network Upgrades

Information Systems and the Housing Department have postponed plans to upgrade networks in two dormitories this summer. Angie Kelic G, Resnet coordinator for Information Systems, issued the following statement on behalf of the joint IS/Housing network upgrade project:

"We received bids from the contractors for the work in New House, Next House, East Campus, and Bexley."

"These bids came in significantly higher than our original estimates. This meant that we could only afford to do work in

one or two buildings on our original budget for this year. We chose East Campus and Bexley as our highest priorities since those buildings are in the worst shape with no possibilities for interim work to make any improvements.

"During the planning phase of this project, significant interim work was done in both Next House and New House that improved network performance there. Our intent is to address new network installation in those buildings next summer."

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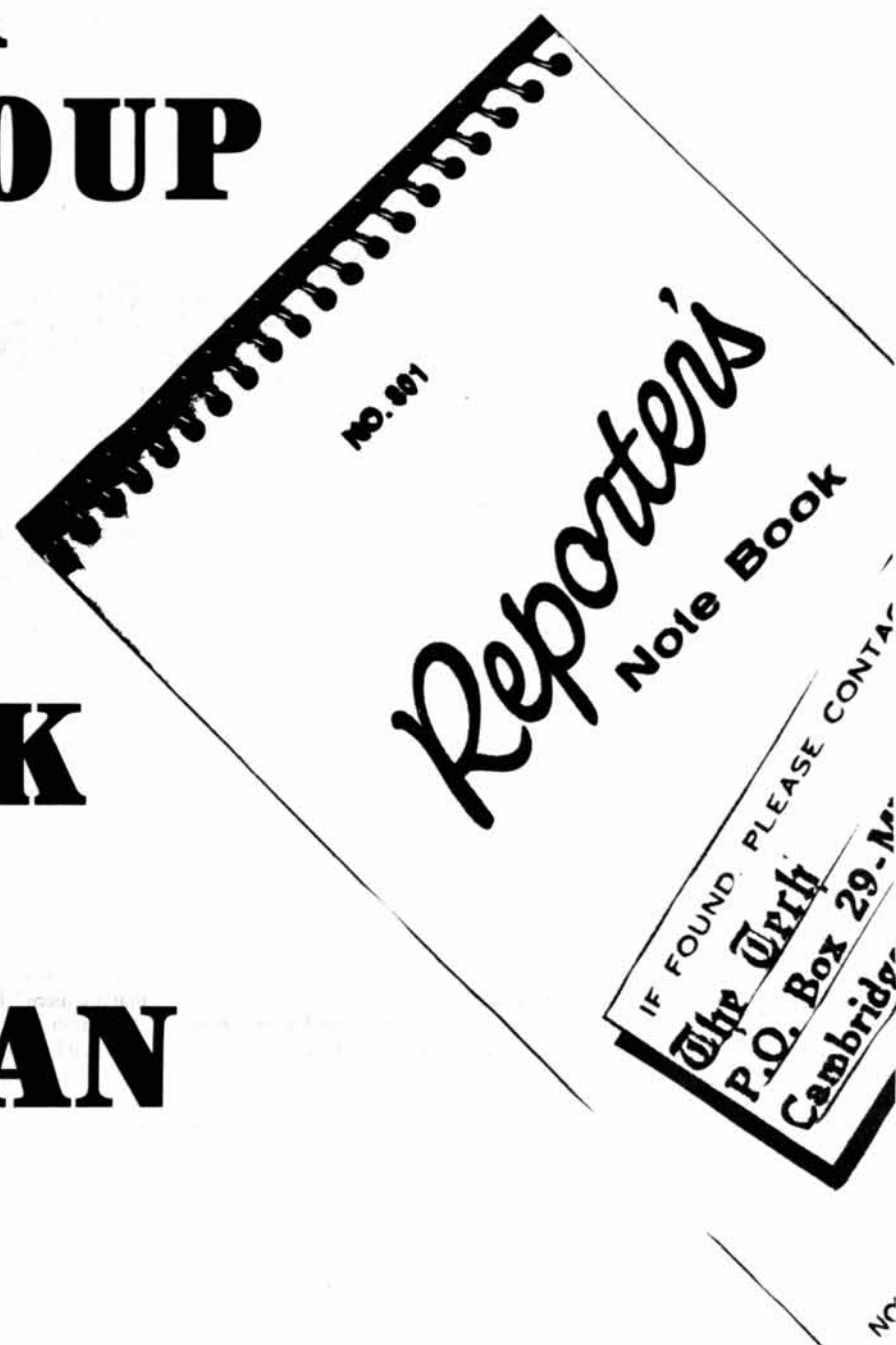
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# SPORTS

## Jesus Saves!

By Phil Janowicz  
COLUMNIST

Amid all the trades and division jockeying, one story seems to have fallen through the proverbial cracks of Major League Baseball. No, I don't mean the excellent playing of Mark Loretta or the arrest of Sausage Boy Randall Simon. I'm talking about Jesus Colome of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Coming off a less than stellar 2002 campaign, Jesus was back with the Devil Rays this year with a shot at the closer's role, but Lance Carter swooped in to take that title away from Jesus. In 2002, Jesus had the highest ERA among all relievers who pitched at least 40 innings with a mark of 8.27. He had a .341 batting average and a .414 mark against lefties. Needless to say, Lou Piniella wasn't looking forward to his bullpen this season.

This season, Jesus had a rough start highlighted by a six hit, five run, three home run shelling by the Yankees on April 4. For the next two months, Jesus seemed to have lost his possible closer job and worked more as a long reliever and in earlier innings. He seemed to have shown his full potential in May, posting a 1.62 ERA in 16.2 innings with 20 strikeouts and only five walks. Noting this improvement, Piniella gave Jesus his first save opportunity of the year on June 3 at Wrigley Field in what would turn out to be a bad end to a corker of a game. Jesus walked two batters and hit two more to allow the tying run to score, blowing a great performance by starter Jeremi Gonzalez.

Jesus was given opportunities again on June 15 against Pittsburgh and July 9 at Oakland. Both times, the young pitcher gave up multiple runs and multiple walks to blow both opportunities.

Jesus recorded his first save of the season and his young career on July 26 by pitching two perfect innings with three Ks. Jesus came in ahead 9-6, but when the Devil Rays scored another run in the top of the ninth, Piniella decided not to waste Lance Carter and see how Jesus would fare closing out this game.

Then, on July 30 in Toronto, Jesus was given his first one-inning opportunity to close a game. Leading 5-3, Piniella called on the strike-out specialist instead of Lance to finish off the Blue Jays. Jesus pitched a perfect ninth with one strikeout to notch his first one-inning save of his career. "We're going to give him closing experience," Piniella said after the game. "We'll use [Lance] Carter in closing situations, too. And you might see some other kids in that role, too." Congratulations Jesus, on your possible new closer status.

With the immense young talent the Devil Rays have, next year might be the second coming of a powerful closer.

### Jano Awards

**Batting:** "Lake" Placido Polanco of the Philadelphia Phillies. Over the past month, Polanco has been consistently on fire with 26 runs scored, three home runs, 19 RBIs, two stolen bases, and with a scorching Pujols-esque .429 average. Since coming over

from the Cardinals, Polanco seems to have found his new home in the town of brotherly love.

**Honourable Mentions:** Aaron "Sonic Boom" Guiel and "Touched by An" Angel Berroa of the Kansas City Royals. With Mike Sweeney still out with neck problems, Guiel and Berroa have really stepped it up in his absence, keeping the Royals atop the AL Central. In the last month, Guiel has 18 runs, eight home runs, 21 RBIs, two stolen bases, and a .295 average in the leadoff spot. The Royals' rookie shortstop Berroa has 17 runs, seven home runs, 25 RBIs, one stolen base, and a .337 average. One of the more memorable video moments in the past month occurred after Carlos Beltran hit a walk-off home run off Mike Cameron's glove at Kauffman Stadium. As the entire city of Kansas City cheered, Angel Berroa came running out of the dugout with the huge cooler of Gatorade and dumped it on Beltran at home plate. These Royals love to play together and have the best team chemistry I've seen since everyone teamed up to go on strike. Look for the Royals to go far this year.

**Pitching:** Jesus "Star of My" Colome of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. See section above.

**Honourable Mention:** "He Shall Be" Livan Hernandez of the Montreal Expos. He has been exactly what the Expos have needed in Vlad's absence, pitching the way he pitched in Florida in 1997. In the past month, Livan has four wins with 42 Ks, a 1.65 ERA, and a 0.88 WHIP. Now with Vlad back and Vidro reeling, Livan should hopefully keep the Expos in playoff contention.

**Utility:** Desi "Have You Driven a" Relaford "Lately" of the Kansas City Royals. Called the focal point of the Mariners' team last year, Relaford has brought the same intensity to Kansas City. Able to play any position except pitcher and catcher, Desi has been consistent all season for the Royals with clutch hitting, an above .400 mark against lefties, speed, and great fielding abilities. Tony Pena can count on him any day he wants at any position and know he's getting a great player.

**Honourable Mention:** Theo "Logy" Epstein of the Boston Red Sox. He has been a God-send for the Red Sox. Only 29 years old, Theo has been able to bring his baseball philosophy to Boston and has made several key acquisitions that have given the Red Sox a great shot at the playoffs this year. In the offseason, acquiring Millar, Mueller, Walker, Ortiz, Giambi, and a good bullpen as of late, Theo showed early that he knew what made a good baseball team. Now, during the season, Theo has grabbed Todd Jones, Gabe Kaplar, "BK" Kim, Scott Williamson, and Jeff Suppan for the playoff push. I hope you hang around here in Boston for a long time.

**Boner of the Week/Month:** Jose "Plateau" Mesa of the Philadelphia Phillies.

Showing off what made the Indians run him out of town after 1997, Mesa has compiled an 11.42 ERA and a 2.65 WHIP in the past month. It's painful to say that Mike Williams is better than Mesa.

**Honourable Mention:** Armando "You Suck" Benitez of the New York Yankees. You are terrible. 'Nuff said.

## Conspiracy Theory

By Andrew C. Thomas  
OPINION EDITOR

There haven't been this many conspiracy theories surrounding a team named Sox since 1919.

Last week's Major League Baseball trade deadline was largely a Yankees-Red Sox affair. The San Francisco Giants certainly didn't come away losers in their short-term acquisition of Sidney Ponson, but many of the deals that came near last Thursday's 4 p.m. deadline featured the Bronx Bombers or the Fenway faithful. Embroiled in a tight race for the American League East division, there are few doubts that the two teams are far more concerned with beating each other than any other potential competition.

Despite their deficit of World Series championships, the Sox have been gaining ground in this race. And it's clear at the highest level. George Steinbrenner issued a public statement after the Sox took two of three from their latest jaunt to Yankee Stadium: "They haven't won anything yet." But the recent trading activity between the Red Sox and Pittsburgh Pirates has made many in baseball suspicious, especially conspiracy theorists in the New York area.

Let's do the math.

The first deal: Sox get lefty specialist Scott Sauerbeck and minor-league lefty Mike Gonzalez, and give up ex-closer Brandon Lyon and AA righty Anastacio Martinez. So far so good, until the Pirates cry foul. Lyon was injured, unbeknownst to the Sox. The two GMs, Theo Epstein and Dave Littlefield, are both men of honor, and they agreed to find an amicable solution.

That happened on Thursday, when just before the deadline Epstein dropped another bombshell and acquired highly valued starter Jeff Suppan. In the process, the Sox reacquired Lyon and Martinez. They gave up infielder Freddy Sanchez and pitcher Gonzalez, along with "cash considerations."

(Aside: Boston fans had a soft spot for Freddy; he won the hearts of many during his short stint. In June he fell one short of the single game record with 10 assists by a third baseman. Yes, he went 0 for 5 in the game, and yes, it was sinkerballer Derek Lowe on the mound, but still, the boy can play. I fear it'll be too long before the calls of "Freddy, Freddy" are heard again at Fenway.)

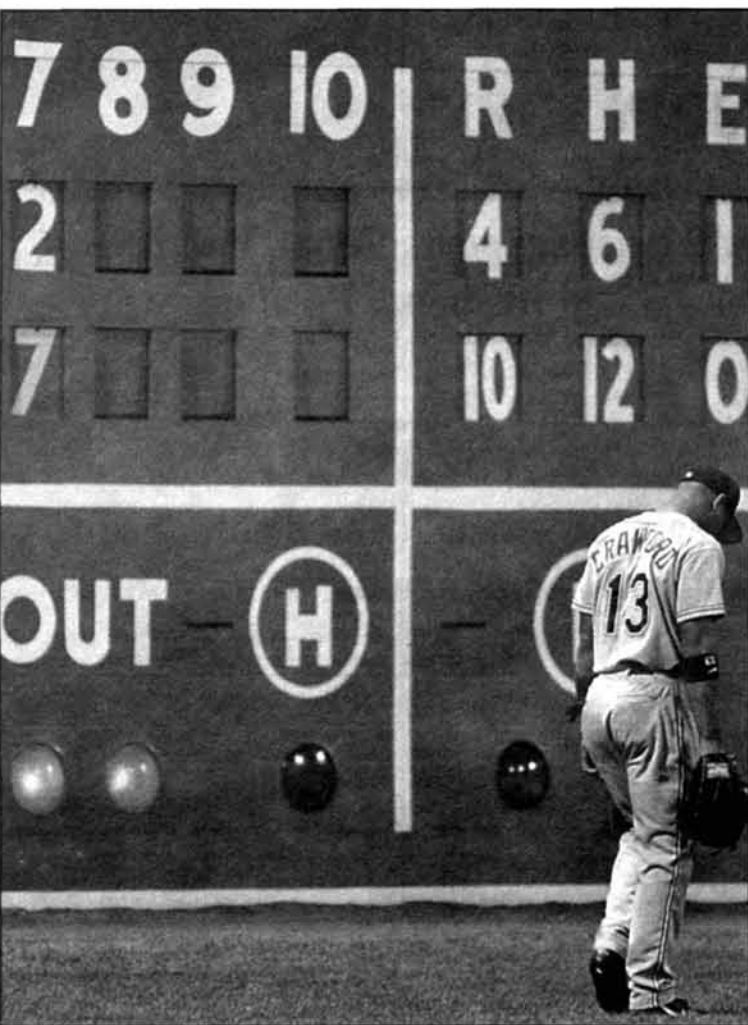
Back to the math: Add the trades up. In the end, Littlefield did Theo an incredible favor; Sauerbeck and Suppan are Sox, and Sanchez, a highly touted prospect not even on the 25-man roster, was the only apparent sacrifice. Which begs the question: Exactly what kind of "cash considerations" are we talking about here?

Now, according to league rules, it can't be more than \$1 million at this point in the season. Seeing as we're trying to compare batters to pitchers, and seeing as the Pirates are poor, let's think in money terms. Sauerbeck makes \$1.6 million this season, Suppan \$500 grand. Suppose the Sox forked over the max, and consider Freddy's minor league status. This may have salary dump written all over it, but even so, it doesn't seem unreasonable to think that the Pirates could have insisted on at least one more minor leaguer to help in the rebuilding process.

And so the conspiracy emerges. The Yankees, also known for their bullpen woes, wanted Sauerbeck, offering pitching prospect Brandon Claussen. The Pirates said Sauerbeck was "unavailable," and days later, he's unpacking his bags at Fenway.

Desperate to shore up the team at the big league level, the Yanks packaged Claussen into the Aaron Boone deal, sacrificing the top pancake on an already short stack of reserve pitching talent. All to try and stave off the charging Sox.

After all, it's that kind of paranoid fear that often cradles conspiracy theories.



(above) Boston's Manny Ramirez loses his helmet as he slides in safely for a double in the second inning against Tampa Bay at Fenway Park July 23. Ramirez contributed to the Red Sox' winning effort by going 3-for-4, walking once, and scoring twice.

(left) Tampa Bay outfielder Carl Crawford passes the scoreboard later in the game. The Red Sox scored a total of seven runs on three hits in the seventh inning, going on to win 10-4 for their fifth straight victory at home.

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